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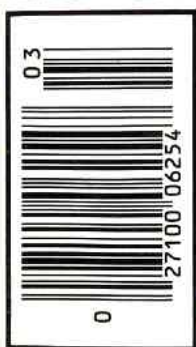
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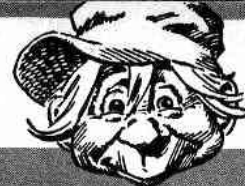
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LETTERS



Dear CRACKED,
We all love CRACKED in Australia. Keep up the good work and keep sending it to us! It's the best thing since sliced bread!
David des Jardins
Toowoomba AUSTRALIA

And it's been proven that it tastes great with peanut butter, too!

Dear CRACKED,
My friend and I like to engage in mindless trivia and we think up a question that no one had an answer for: When did the ever-present CRACKED logo first appear?

T. Riviera
Pursuit-by-the Sea AZ

A version of the present CRACKED logo has been used since issue #11, Oct. 1959. But, the actual logo we still use first appeared in issues 18-25 (Feb '61-July '62), then used in every issue from #38 (Aug '64) to the present. The current logo was designed by SOL BRODSKY who also created the Fantastic Four and Spider-Man logos for Marvel Comics. By the way, CRACKED #1 was dated March 1958, so this issue marks 27 years of non-stop laughs! And no one even sent us a birthday card...

Dear CRACKED,
Why don't you come out with an edition on Kung Fu? I'd like it very much!

Christopher Devlin
Blackwood NJ

Kung Fu? Gosh, guess you missed the Kung Fu special in CRACKED #119 (on sale summer of 1974!)

Dear CRACKED,
I completely enjoy your new feature ROBOT WARS. I calculate that it will be very successful. Best in '86!

I. Reaobot
Asimoville KS

This is a good place to introduce the new artist on ROBOT WAR, the illustrious illustrator STEVE DITKO. And if you enjoy robots and science fiction in general, beam up a copy a GIANT CRACKED SCI-FI SPECIAL (#43) on sale NOW!

Dear CRACKED,
I just saw Back to the Future and I loved it! Are you going to do a movie satire on it?

Kevin Duncan
Oakland CA

You bet Kev. Just turn back to the next page for our version of BACK TO THE FUTURE. Seriously though, we work so far in advance on CRACKED material that our parodies come out after the movie have been out for a while. For instance, the new SCHWARZENEGGER super-hit, COMMANDO opened on October 4. Our parody COMMANDOPE was written by the 7th and artwork (by BOB "Cracked Max" FINGERMAN) began by the 11th! Yet the story won't appear until next issue which will be on sale the second week of January, which is some time after the movie opened! So, if there's some TV or movie you want us to hit, you better tell us quick, before it's gone!

Dear CRACKED,
I recently picked up the MONSTER PARTY edition of EXTRA-SPECIAL CRACKED and showed it to my pal the FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER. Needless to say, it kept him in stitches! The eerie cover grabbed me by the throat and the UGGLY FAMILY made me laugh until I was sick! Keep up the good work. Will we see more of the UGGLY's?

"Ygor" Lumpbach
Notre Dame WI

Yes! That freakish family has an all-new feature in GIANT CRACKED #43!

Dear CRACKED,
Have you heard about the new breakfast cereal for lawyers? It's called FRUIT LOOPHOLES!

Jon Flynn
Port Charlotte FL

That's a new one on us. SYLVESTER tried to market his own cereal, CRACKED CRUNCHIES, but who wants to buy a box full of crumbs?

Dear CRACKED,
I have this fantastic idea! It's a really good idea! I mean it's so good it's radical! Do you want to know what it is? I bet you do! It's a perfect idea! It's really great! OK, I'm going to tell you! Oops! I forgot the idea!

William Haywood
Los Angeles

We had a great response to your letter, but we forgot it!

Yo CRACKED Man,
Like I think that you dudes should put out your own line of skateboards! Like CRACKED CONFUSION 10x30, CRACKED VISION 9x27 and CRACKED IMPULSE 10x30.5!

Slash
Upper Montclair NJ

Er, that's real rad, dad, but don't lean on us about it! Call your favorite board manufacturer and bug THEM about it!

Dear CRACKED,
I think you guys are a bunch of nuts that go around pushing crazy things to kids and I like it!

Jody W.W.
Marion VA

Good!
We've already made you aware of the addition to CRACKED of the

immensely talented STEVE DITKO, but let us also introduce some more new-to-these-pages talent. Besides nabbing one of the most talented new humor writers, the enigmatic and anagfomatic TOM J. BACAS we're welcoming back MIKE RICIGLIANO and JOE CATALANO. Mike does all those super-clever SPY & SABOTUER cartoons that run amok in our mag and is developing something special for us...and YOU! Joe is a CRACKED vet who has been lending his touch to the mag for years! Please write in and tell us what you think of these additions!



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Hey John! It's me—Joe!
Whaddaya mean "Joe Who?" Joe the ace **CRACKED** movie parodyist!

Oh, hey Joe! What's up?

What movie're we doing?

I thought I'd phone in the next script to you!

Only the hottest film of 1985!

Which One? You know I don't go to the motion pictures! I don't even have a TV!

Yeah—but I had to blow it up so I could paint the cover for **CRACKED COLLECTORS' EDITION #64!**

I thought you just got a new TV and video deck!

Well, this movie was #1 for months! Maybe 'cause it was a **Spielburg-blessed** flick which guaranteed it a —

BOX OFFICE FUTURE

Writer: **JOE CATALANO** Continuity: **MORT TODD** Artist: **JOHN SEVERIN**

In the news—a six pack of plutonium has been heisted from the fridge of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission—

DOC CLOWN? It's me **SMARTY!** I'm at your lab!

Obviously you idiot! I called you! Meet me at the **PALL MALL** at 1:15 A.M.!

But I'm supposed to start filming **TWEEN WOLF** and **FAMILY BOW-TIES** tonight!

SMARTY! Don't dissappoint me, Bwana!

HEY JENNIFERN! Wanna lift?

No thanks **Smarty!** I hope you don't plan to take me to the drive-in tonight on a skateboard!

Heck no! Dad's gonna lend me his tricycle and sidecar!

OH, the tribulations of being a teen TV and movie star in constant demand!

PLANT A TREE!



YECH! You didn't tell me it was one of those **teen movies**, Joe! Is it like **MY REAL WEIRD GENIUS SCIENCE PROJECT** or something?

Trust me John, it gets **better!**

DAD! The tricycle and sidecar are **demolished!**

W-Well son, **BEEF** here ran over it with a **steamroller** for a segment of **LATENITE** with **DAVID LETTERMAN!**

Yeah! Your tricycle's famous, **McFlypaper!** And you better have my laundry done by tonight or I'll rip your lungs out!

Finish your **muskrat porridge** Smarty! By the way, **Jennifern** called. Girls today! Why in my day I never called on a boy!

In fact, I had no bad habits! I only kissed one boy—your father! It was at the **100,000 LEAGUES UNDER the SEA Dance!** I knew then that I would become **Mrs. Jerk McFlypaper!**



*NOTE: **Ironical and humorous foreshadowing** involved! See Page 10, Panel 3! Editor



Here 's where the **fun** begins John! You'll be able to draw all kinds of **ginchy special effects!**

DOC! It's 1:15 A.M. What did you want?

To show you this **time machine!** I strap my dog into the car and this remote will cause it to speed up to 88 M.P.H. Then do you know what happens?

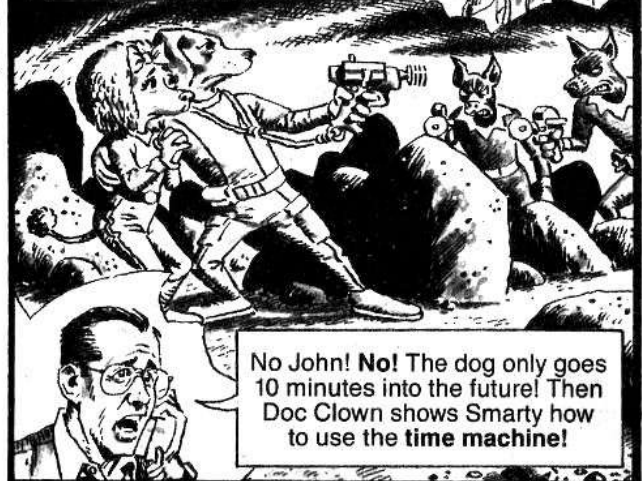
He'll be the first dog to get a **speeding ticket!**

No! He'll travel into the **future!**

um—that was my **second** guess!



Future? Time machine? Oh Boy! What happens? The dog visits an era where canines rule the earth, right? The world goes to the dogs! Is that it? Oh, that **Spielburger!**



No John! No! The dog only goes 10 minutes into the future! Then **Doc Clown** shows **Smarty** how to use the time machine!

This clock tells you what **year** you're going to. This clock tells you the **present** time!

What's this clock tell you?

It tells you when the frozen **pizza** in the microwave is done!



What powers this thing?

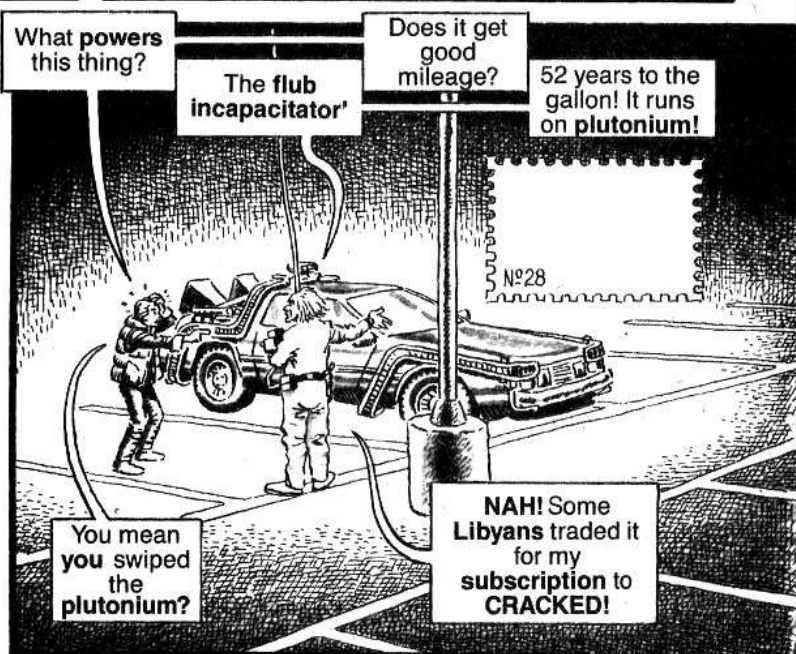
The **flub incapacitator!**

Does it get good mileage?

52 years to the gallon! It runs on **plutonium!**

You mean you swiped the **plutonium?**

NAH! Some **Libyans** traded it for my subscription to **CRACKED!**



BRING BACK THE **BUFFALO NICKEL!**

Doc!

**Follow
that car!**

Excuses!
Always with the
excuses!

ZZZZZ OOOOO Pop!

Back in time?
GREAT! I can see it
all now!

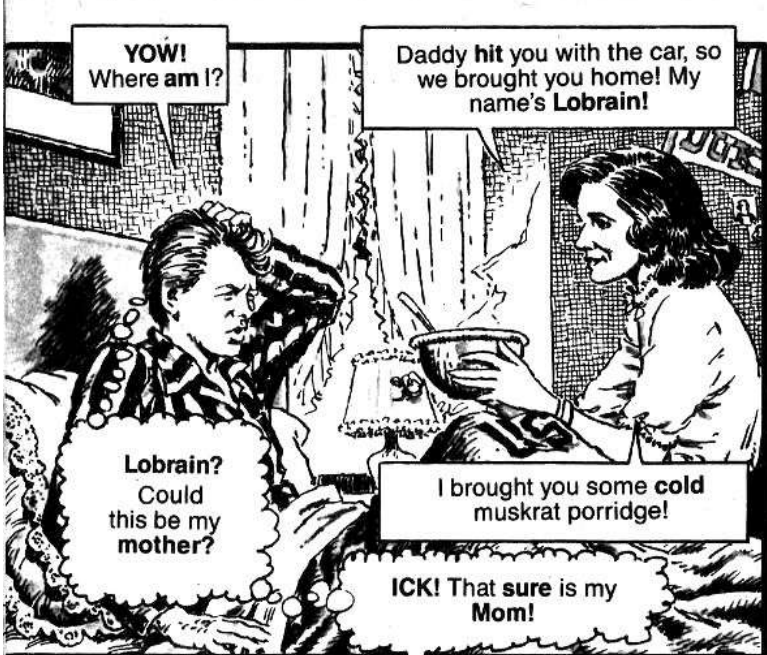
**Ten gallons of
gas—that'll be
\$1.90 miss!**

Hmmmm—Gotta remember to **fill up** before I go home!

**Get it done or
I'll rip your
lungs out!**

**UHOH! DAD!
LOOK OUT
FOR THAT
CAR!!**

Where've
I heard
that
before?



YOW!
Where am I?

Daddy hit you with the car, so
we brought you home! My
name's Lobrain!

Lobrain?
Could
this be my
mother?

I brought you some cold
muskrat porridge!

ICK! That sure is my
Mom!

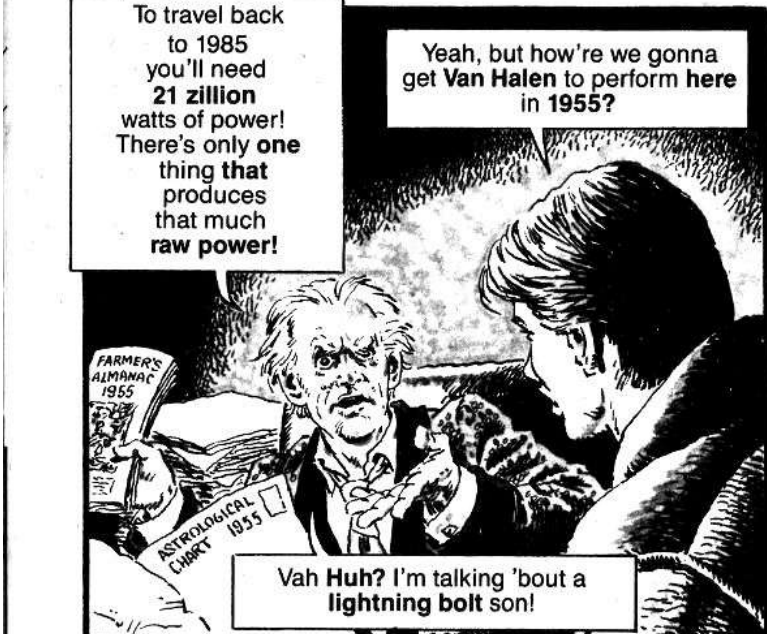


The plot thickens as Smarty meets
the Doc Clown of 1955!

How do I know
you're from the
future?

LOOK! Here's a popular
magazine dated 1985!

EGAD! You must've had a third World War and
that's a radioactive mutant!



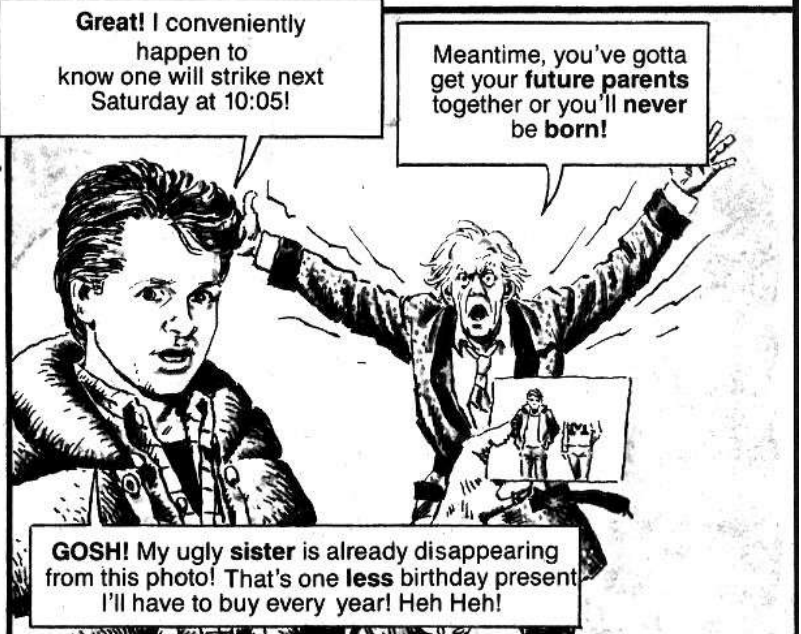
To travel back
to 1985
you'll need
21 zillion
watts of power!
There's only one
thing that
produces
that much
raw power!

Yeah, but how're we gonna
get Van Halen to perform here
in 1955?

FARMER'S
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1955

ASTROLOGICAL
CHART
1955

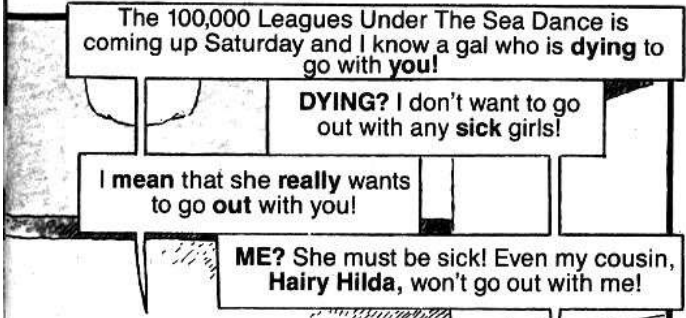
Vah Huh? I'm talking 'bout a
lightning bolt son!



Great! I conveniently
happen to
know one will strike next
Saturday at 10:05!

Meantime, you've gotta
get your future parents
together or you'll never
be born!

GOSH! My ugly sister is already disappearing
from this photo! That's one less birthday present
I'll have to buy every year! Heh Heh!

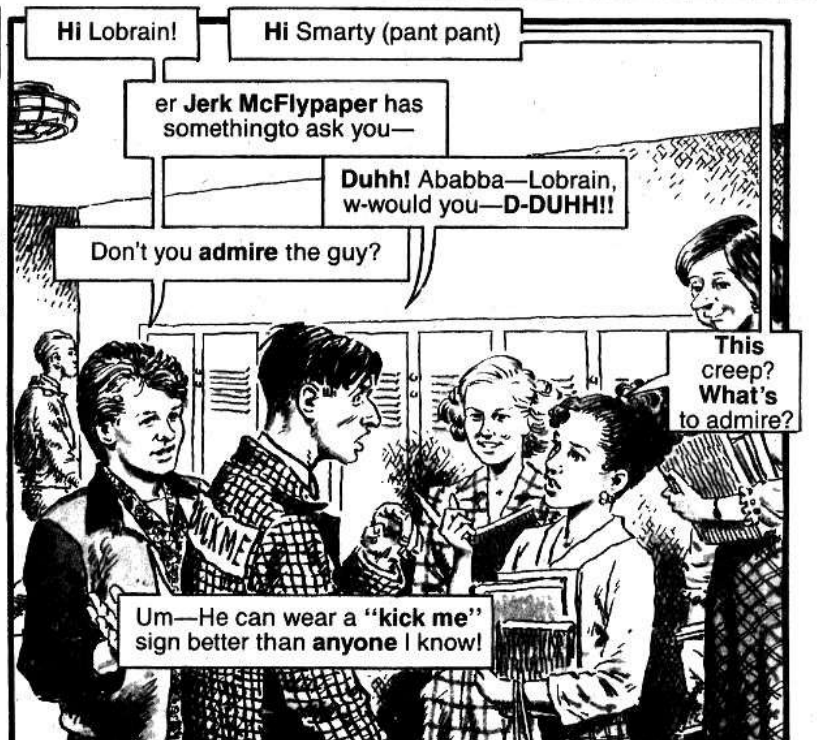


The 100,000 Leagues Under The Sea Dance is
coming up Saturday and I know a gal who is dying to
go with you!

DYING? I don't want to go
out with any sick girls!

I mean that she really wants
to go out with you!

ME? She must be sick! Even my cousin,
Hairy Hilda, won't go out with me!



Hi Lobrain!

Hi Smarty (pant pant)

er Jerk McFlypaper has
something to ask you—

Duhh! Ababba—Lobrain,
w-would you—D-DUHH!!

Don't you admire the guy?

This
creep?
What's
to admire?

Um—He can wear a "kick me"
sign better than anyone I know!

MARRAIGE IS PROBABLY THE CHIEF CAUSE OF DIVORCE ...S.P.S.

Your car's rigged up! Wear this **lightning rod** on your **head** at 10:05 while doing 88 miles per hour! The bolt will hit you and jolt you into the **future**! Simple enough?

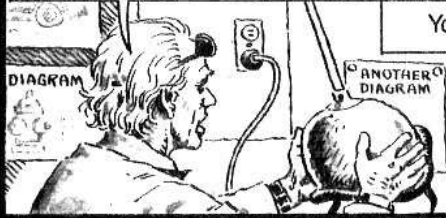
CHART

ANOTHER CHART

Yeah, if you call getting hit in the head by a **lightning bolt** simple!

That **reminds** me, how's your mom? is she going to the **dance**?

You bet—with me!



WOW! What's going on Joe? I thought **CRACKED** was a family magazine? Smarty's relationship with his mom is—well—

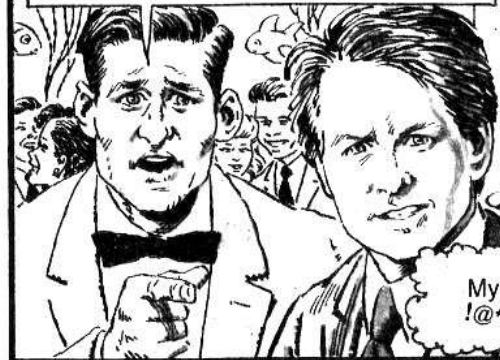


Don't **worry**! This is a family movie believe it or not! Watch what happens **that night**—

It's **no use**! I'm a **failure**! Lobrain is going to the dance with you!

I've got a **plan**! You rescue her from me when I try to take advantage of her in the parking lot! She'll be so grateful she'll **shower** you with **affection**!

Take advantage of her? Why **you**—you mean you're gonna try and swap her two **fives** for a twenty dollar bill?



100,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA DANCE

My dad is a !@*# nerd!

NOTE: GET the ironicies that arise from Panel 2 on Page 7? Hmmm?

Before we go in to the dance—wanna **drink**?—or a **cigarette**—or two?

YECCH! You mut have **every** bad habit in the book! You **probably** even eat **salty** and **fatty** foods!

So what (burp)? Wanna slab of **bacon**? I gotta **bunch** in my **purse**!



So there you are!

You aren't my **dad**! If you are, you've certainly **grew** some! Get it? **Gruesome**?

I'm gonna **pulverize** ya for makin' a fool outta me **before**!



I don't remember that part Joe!



That's 'cause we didn't have **room** in this satire to **show** it! But **believe** me, Smarty humiliated Beef but **good**!

HELP! HELP!

"UNHAND THAT WOMAN!" Did I say that **right**, Smarty? Did I? Huh? Did I?

TAP! TAP! TAP!

GRRROOWWWL-LL



GAAAH! You're **not** Smarty! If you are you've certainly **grew** some—get it? **Grue**—ULP!

That "joke" was used **two** panels ago! I'm gonna **pulverize** ya!



Oh Jerk! Where did you get the strength to ground beef?

I dunno! I was just munchin' on this stuff from this can and—

POPEYE SPECIAL

SPINACH

GROAN

Thanks for letting me pose as one of you so I could make sure Lobrain and Jerk got together! Before I go, lemme strum this hit made popular by Motley Crue!



What took you so long?

They tried to lynch me when I played some hits from the '80's!

Are you sure there'll be a lightning storm by 10:05?

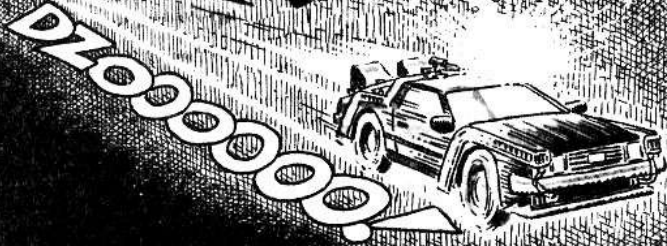
Positive! The weathermen predict clear skies with no chance of rain—so there gotta be a wicked storm comin'!

Good! Now get in that car—hit 88 and get hit by that bolt!

Thanks—I Think!

YEEEE HAH

BRZAP!



I'm back in 1985 and you're alive Doc!

I was wearing a bullet proof vest! I read the note you left me in 1955!

I thought you said you wouldn't read it and mess with the future!

Normally, but Spielberg said we gotta have a happy ending if we want a big hit!

Now that you've got your girlfriend, the four of us are going back to the most important date in history!

The invention of the Wheel?

The invention of electricity?



The Civil War?

The Civil War! OK! I'll get my pencils sharpened, pull out all my confederate uniforms—

Sorry John, this is an even more important date!

Here we are! The first day CRACKED hit the stands in 1958!



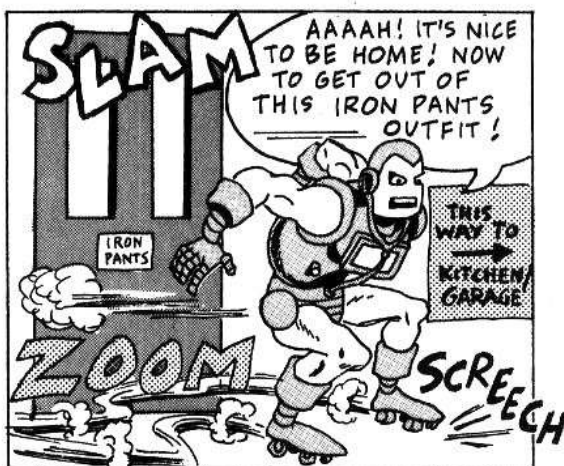
All I can say is "I quit!" I got rid of my television—and the telephone's next!

TH'END

They're on T-shirts, posters and toys! They've had their own TV shows...they're gonna be in their own big movies soon...heck, they even got their own COMIC BOOKS! So we might as well present a

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IRONPANTS



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LOOK AT SUPER-ZEROS!

writer: TOM BACAS art: MORT TODD

ELASTIC MAN



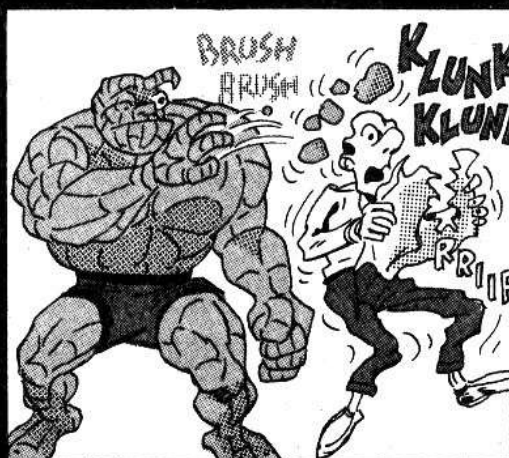
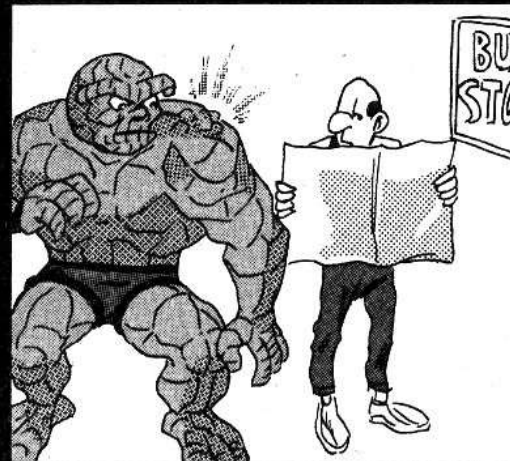
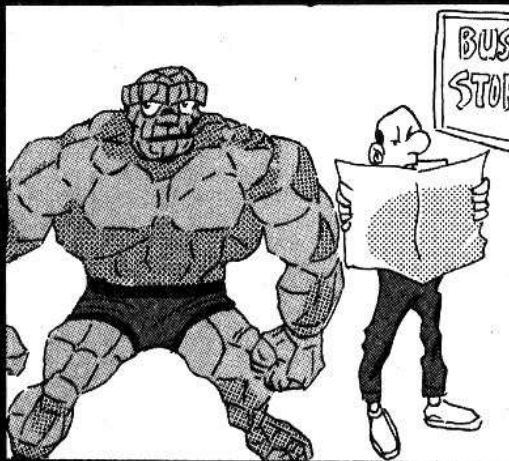
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CLARK KAN'T



The THANG



**The
END!**

The baseball strike of '85 was barely averted—There are no football, basketball, or hockey strikes looming on the horizon, so sports fans can breathe easily, right? **WRONG!** Here are a few.....

SPORT STRIKES for '86!

SKI-JUMPERS FEDERATION



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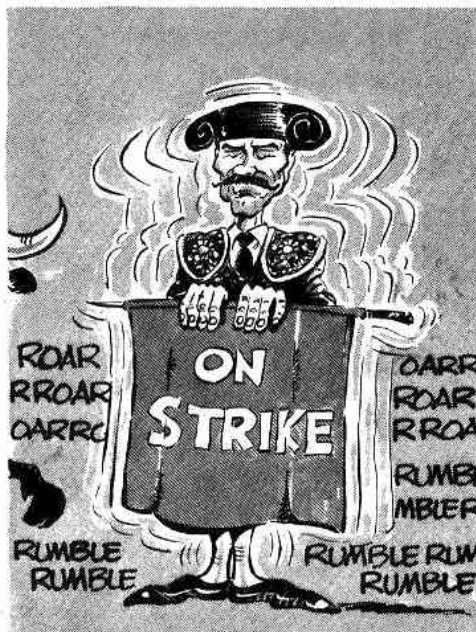
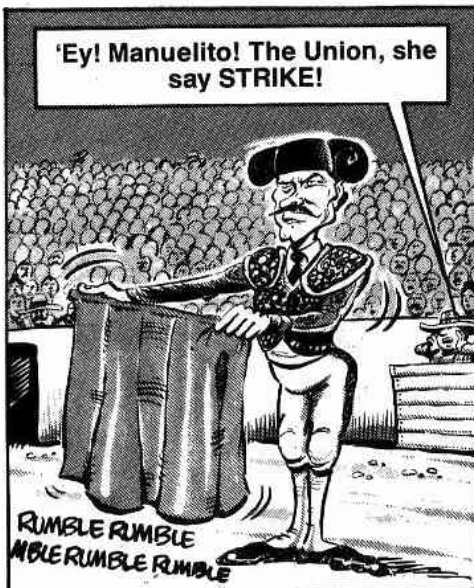
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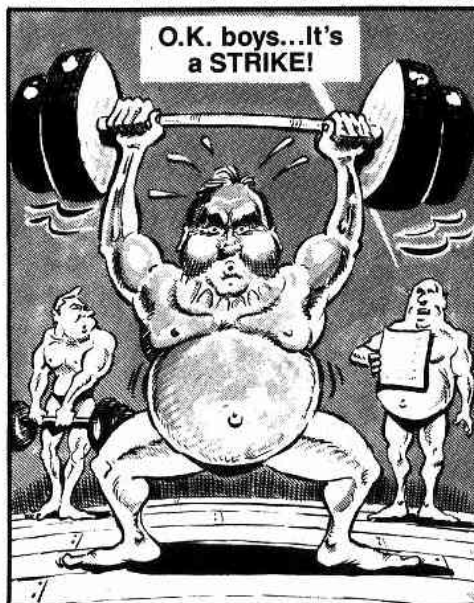
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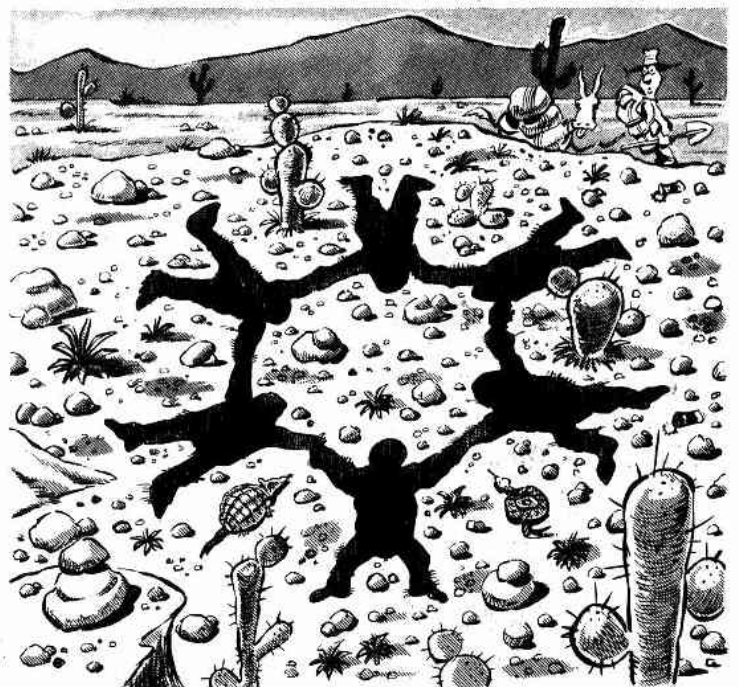
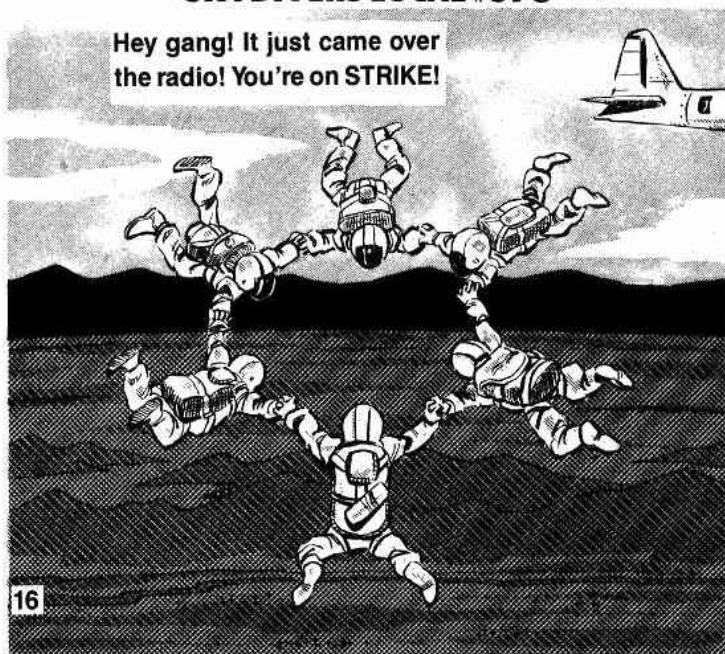
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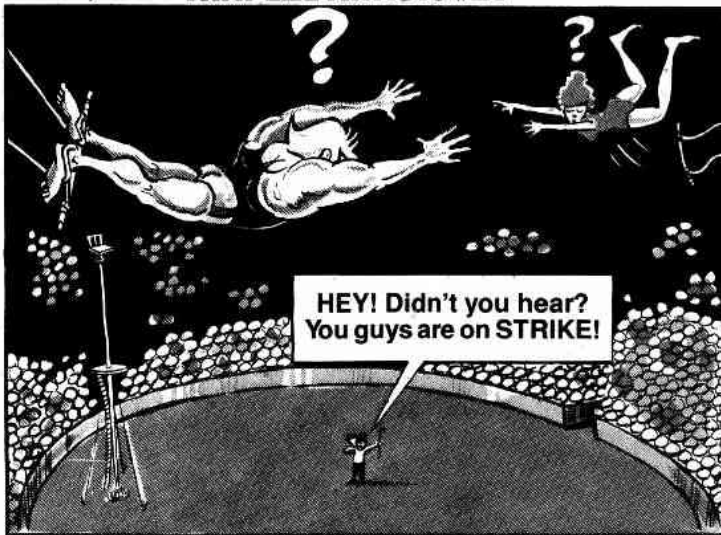
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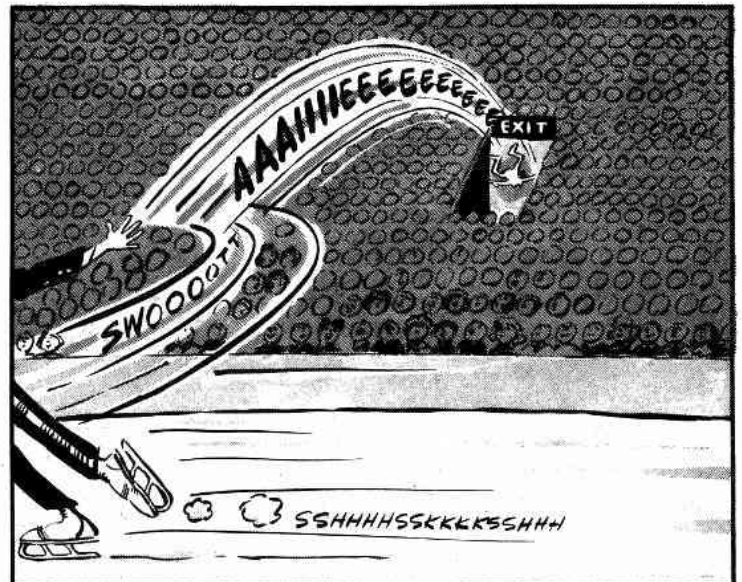
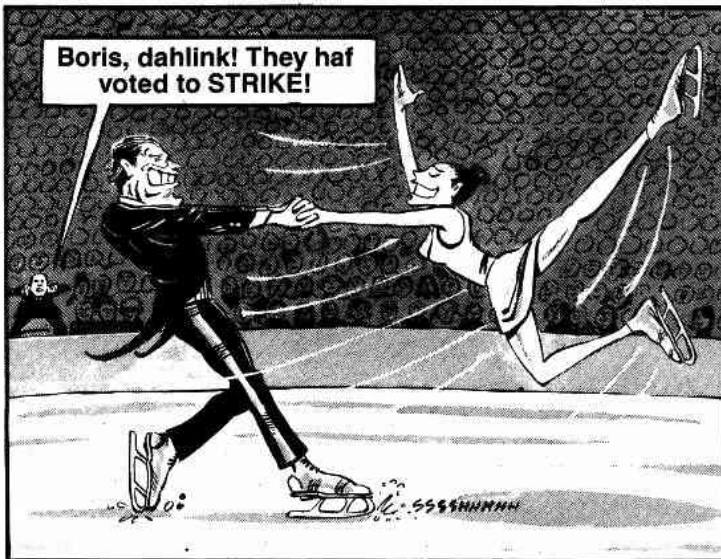
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AMERICAN SOCIETY of ICE SKATERS #15



The LONG SUFFERING FANS should BOYCOTT!!



As the years pass and maturity comes, one is faced with so many wacky happenings that one can't but help question their own state of well-being! **CRACKED**, the epitome of social normalcy, offers a guide which will help answer the oft-asked question...

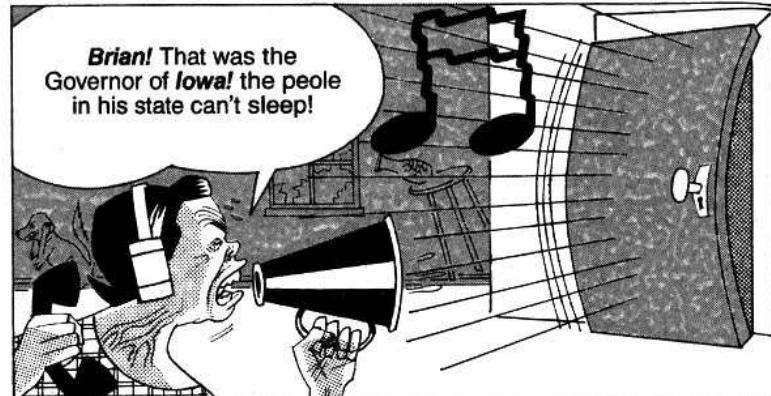
...Am I Normal?

Writer: JOE CATALANO Artist: DANIEL CLOWES

It's normal for a teen to listen to loud loud music...



It's *not* normal if it's so loud that people in another state complain!



It's kinda normal for a guy to wear an earring...



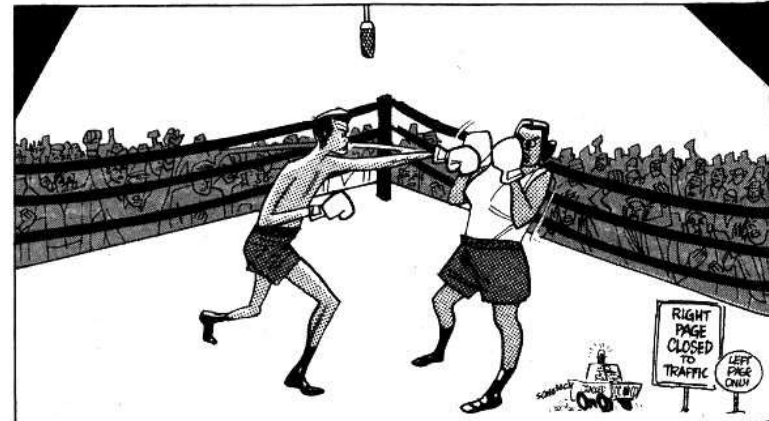
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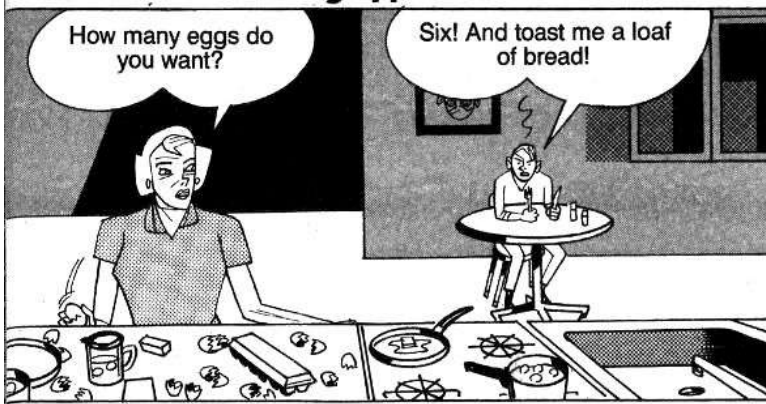
It's normal for a boy to fight with his mother...



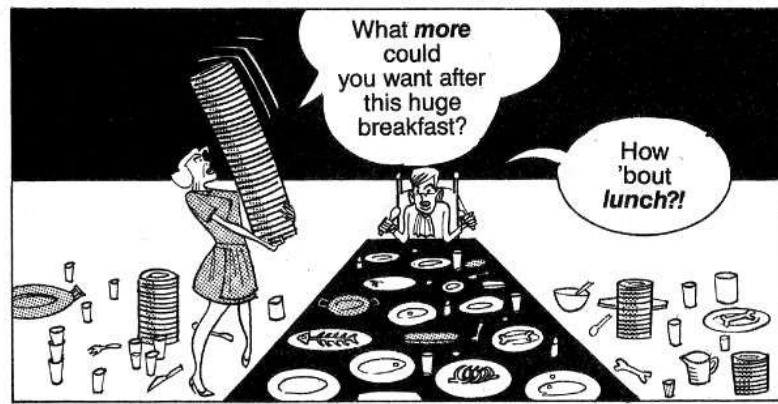
It's *not* normal for it to go this far!



It's normal for a growing boy to have a big appetite...



It's not normal for it to be this big!



It's normal for a girl to want to use some makeup...



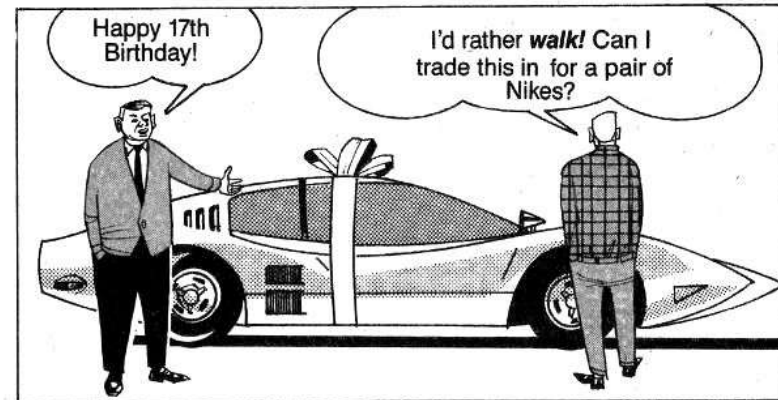
It's not normal if the amount of makeup she uses gets out of hand!



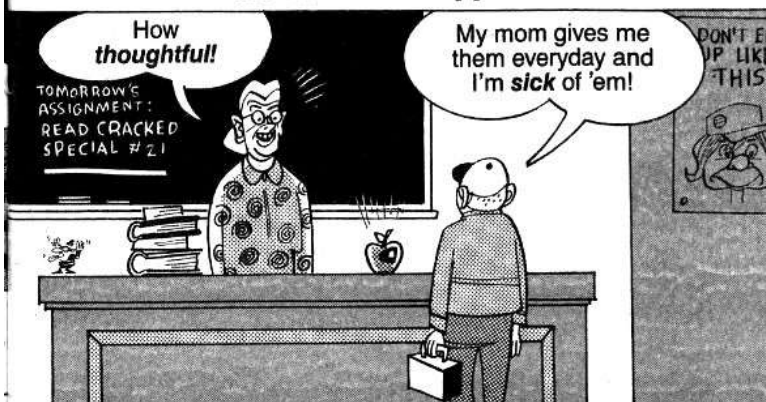
It's normal for a teen to be anxious about driving...



It's not normal for him to turn down a car!



It's normal for a kid to bring his teacher an apple...



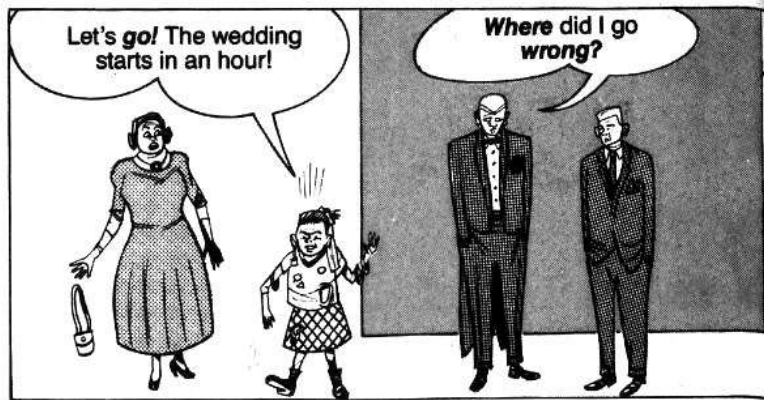
It's not normal for him to bring her a leather recliner!



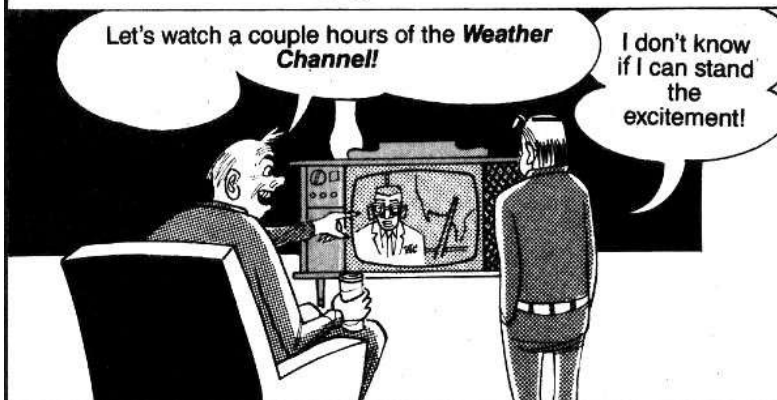
It's normal for a boy to imitate his idol...



It's not normal if his idol is Cyndi Lauper!



It's normal for a guy to hate certain TV shows...



It's not normal to hate TV altogether!



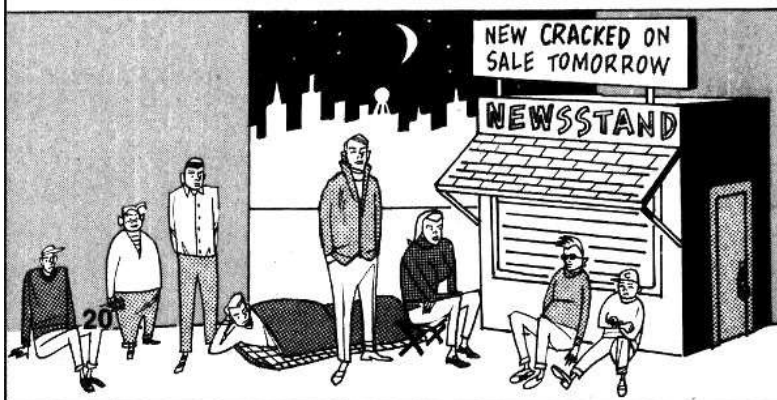
It's normal for a girl to want to date a guy who's a real doll...



It's not normal if the guy is a real doll!



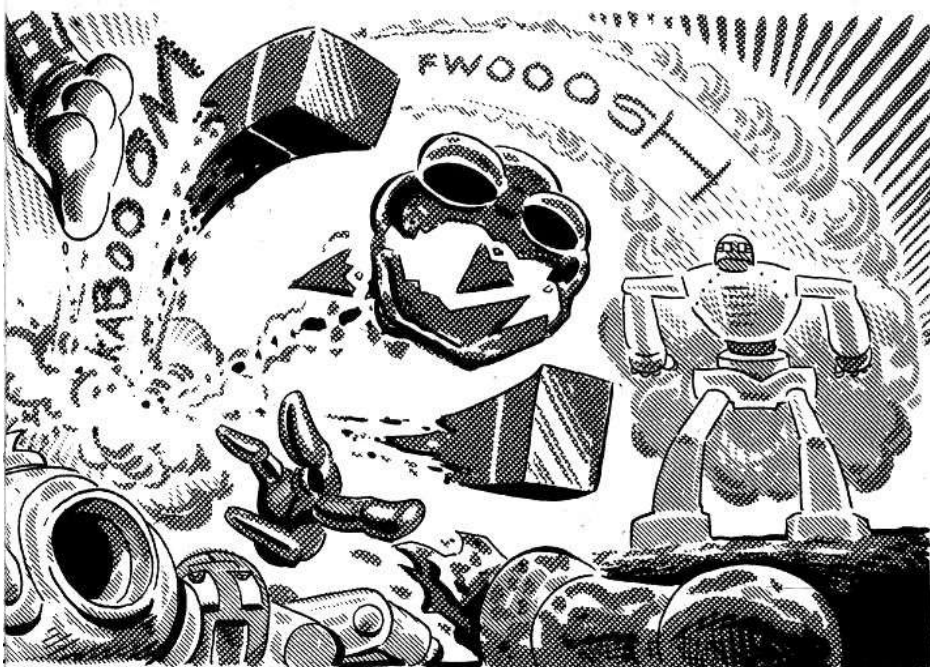
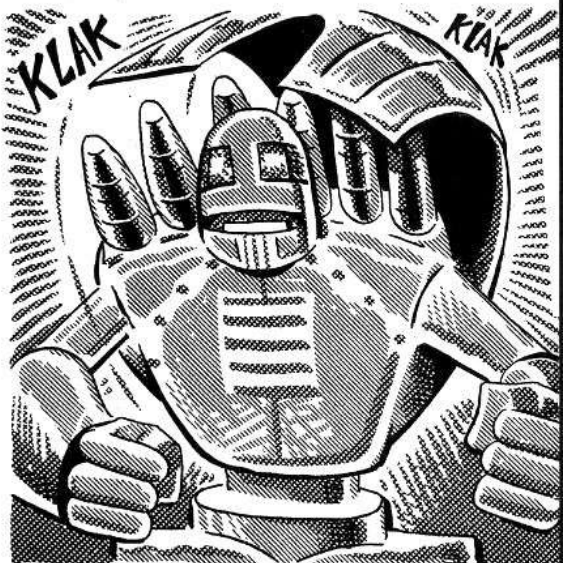
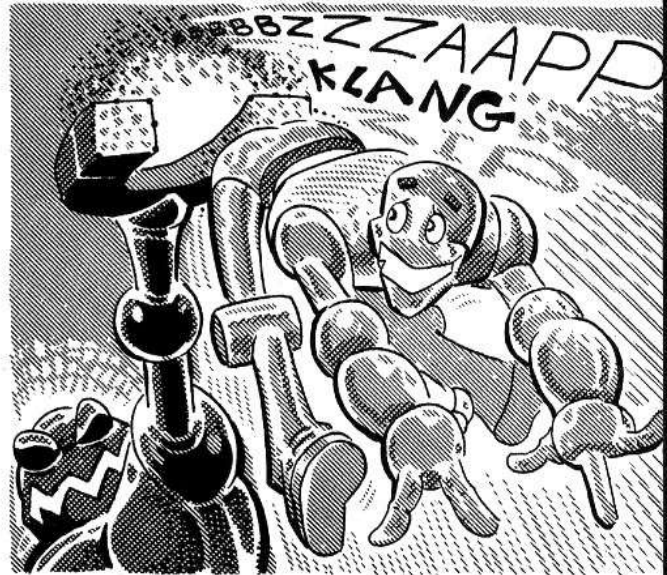
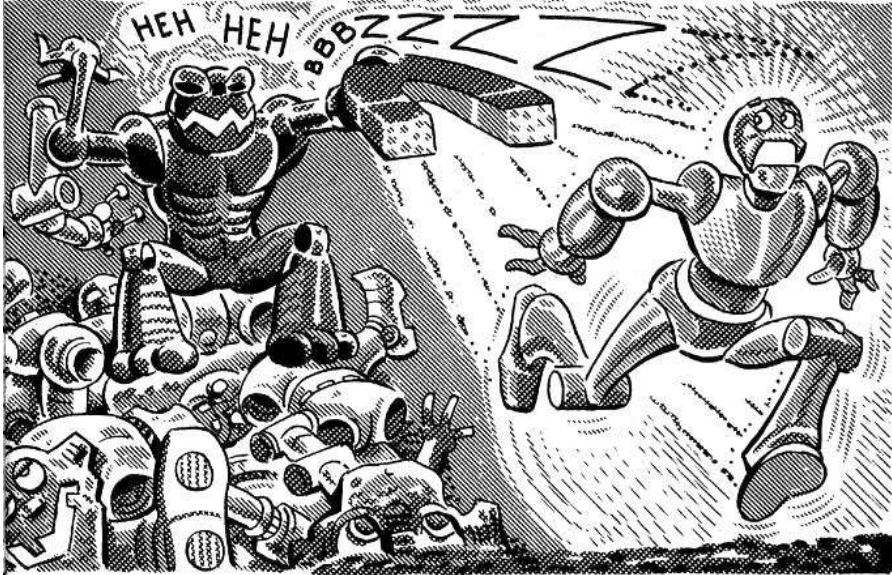
It's normal for kids to want to buy CRACKED...



It's not normal for them to think it's funny!!



THE ROBOT WAR



New York and other parts of our world have suffered catastrophic draughts! Certain parts haven't been so dry since the Prohibition Era! **CRACKED** previews the everyday living in the arid future...

WHEN THE WORLD RUNS OUT OF WATER!

Writer: GEORGE GLADIR
Artist: ERIC CARTIER

WANTED FOR WASTING WATER



EDDIE "THE DRIPPER" CALLAHAN
ALIASES: MR. H₂O, KID SPLASH, BUCKETHEAD
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS: Leaky Faucet, Illegal Carwashing and other aquatic crimes too abominable to mention!!
WARNING: SUSPECT HAS POSSESSION OF A WATER PISTOL!

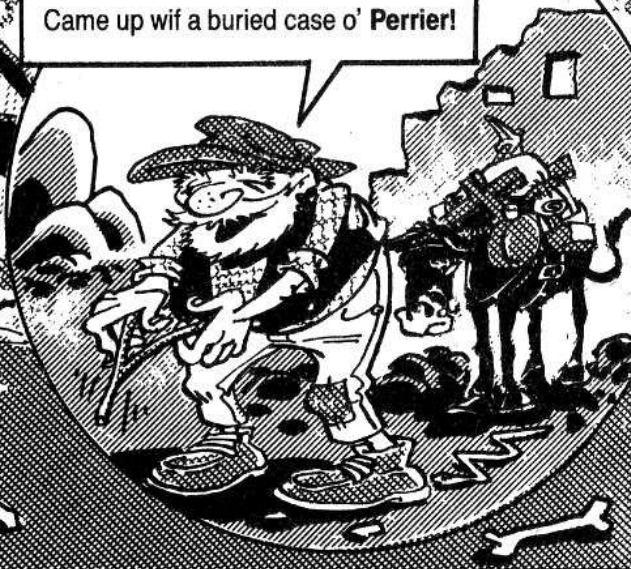


SURBURBAN LANDSCAPING WILL REFLECT THE SHORTAGE



PROSPECTORS WILL TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO THE TRULY VALUABLE

Ah struck the mother lode yestiday!
Came up wif a buried case o' Perrier!

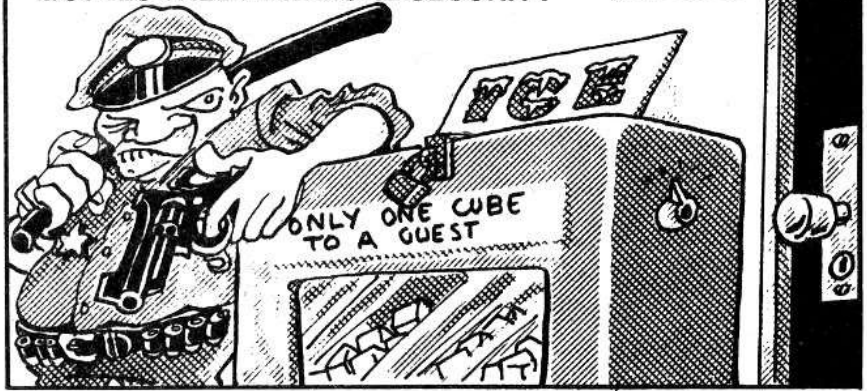




**YUPPIES WILL FLAUNT THE LATEST
IN STATUS SYMBOLS—TRENDY
DESIGNER WATER CANTEENS!**



MOTELS WILL HIRE MORE SECURITY



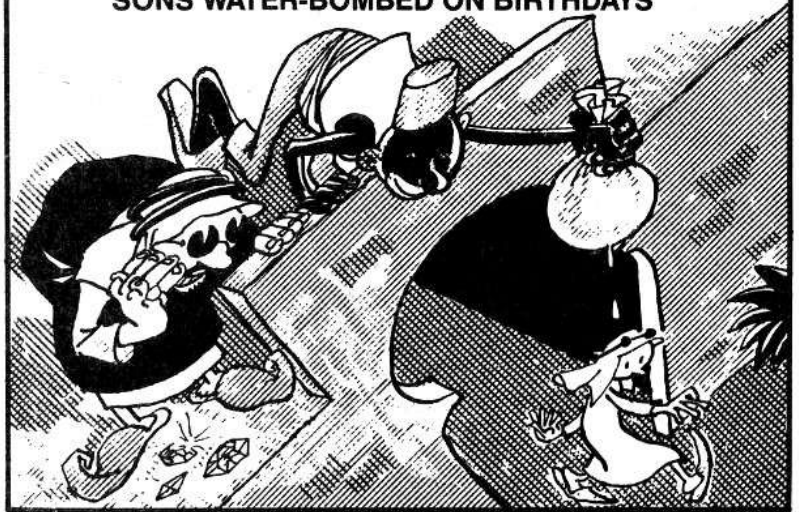
**SOBER-MINDED CITIZENS WILL PLEDGE TO
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EYE DROPPERS WILL BE USED FOR BAPTISMS



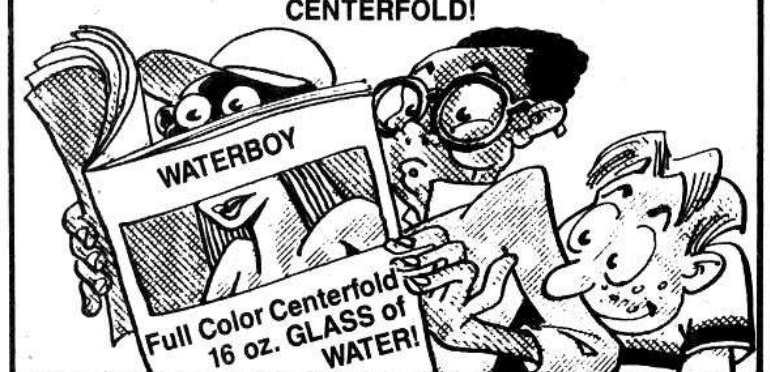
**WEALTHY SHIEKS WILL PAY TO HAVE THIER
SONS WATER-BOMBED ON BIRTHDAYS**



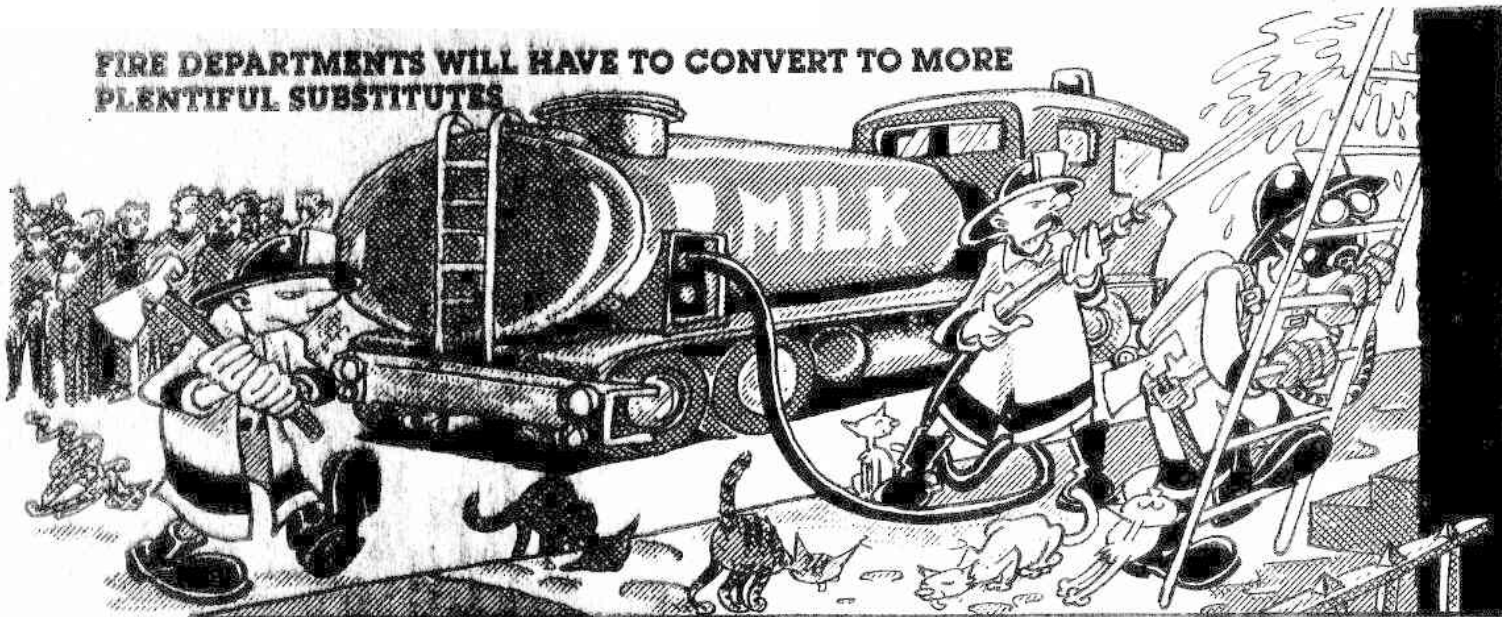
GANGSTERS WILL EXPLOIT THE SHORTAGE



**THIRSTY TEENS WILL DROOL OVER THE LATEST
CENTERFOLD!**



FIRE DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE TO CONVERT TO MORE PLENTIFUL SUBSTITUTES



ANTIQUE SHOPS WILL FEATURE MOMENTOEES FROM A MORE MOISTEROUS AGE!



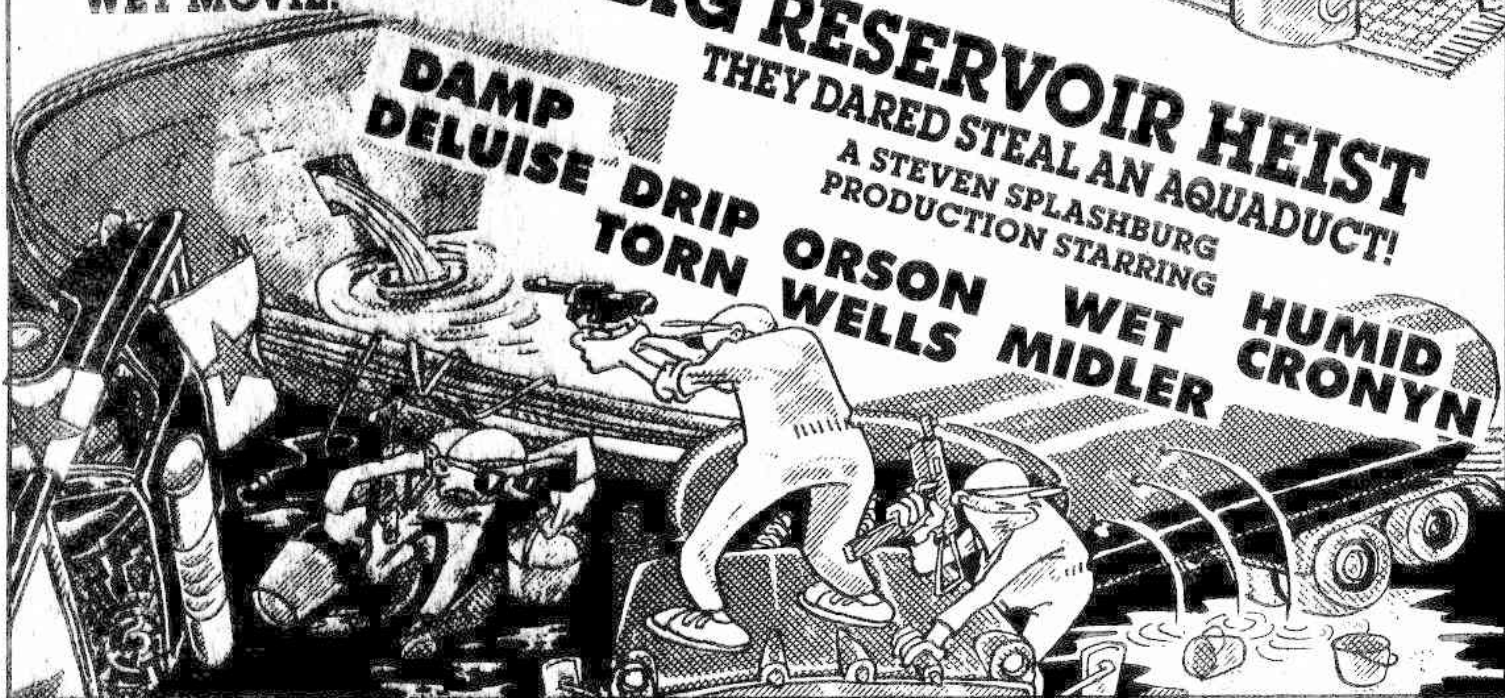
AND HOLLYWOOD WILL OFFER A 'THIRST-CRAZED PUBLIC A NEW GENRE: THE WET MOVIE!

The BIG RESERVOIR HEIST

THEY DARED STEAL AN AQUADUCT!

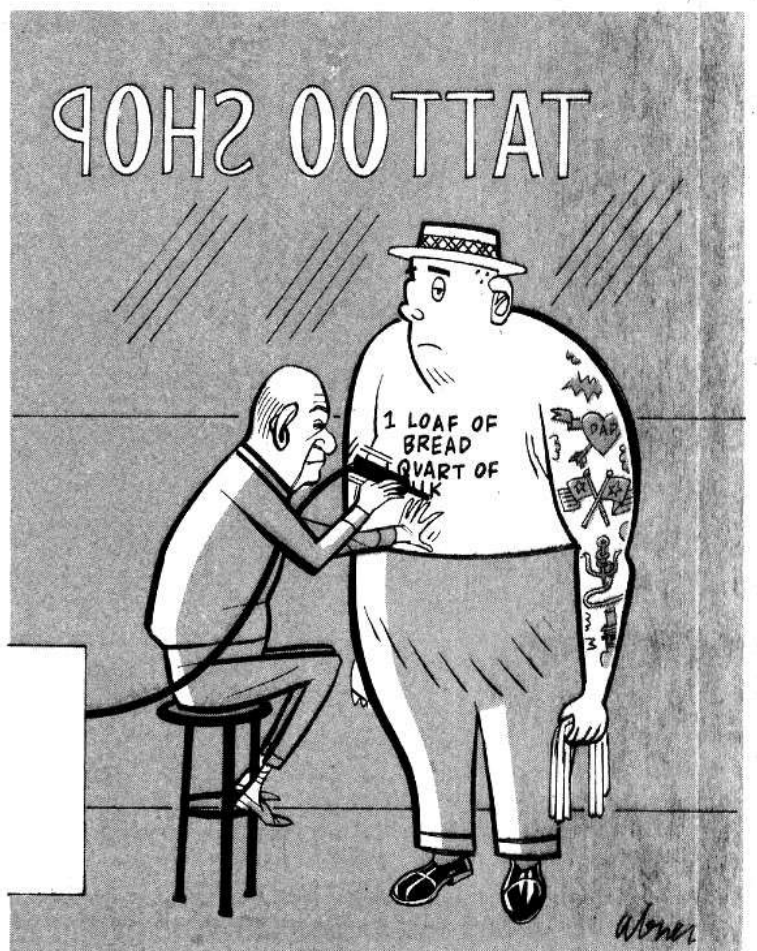
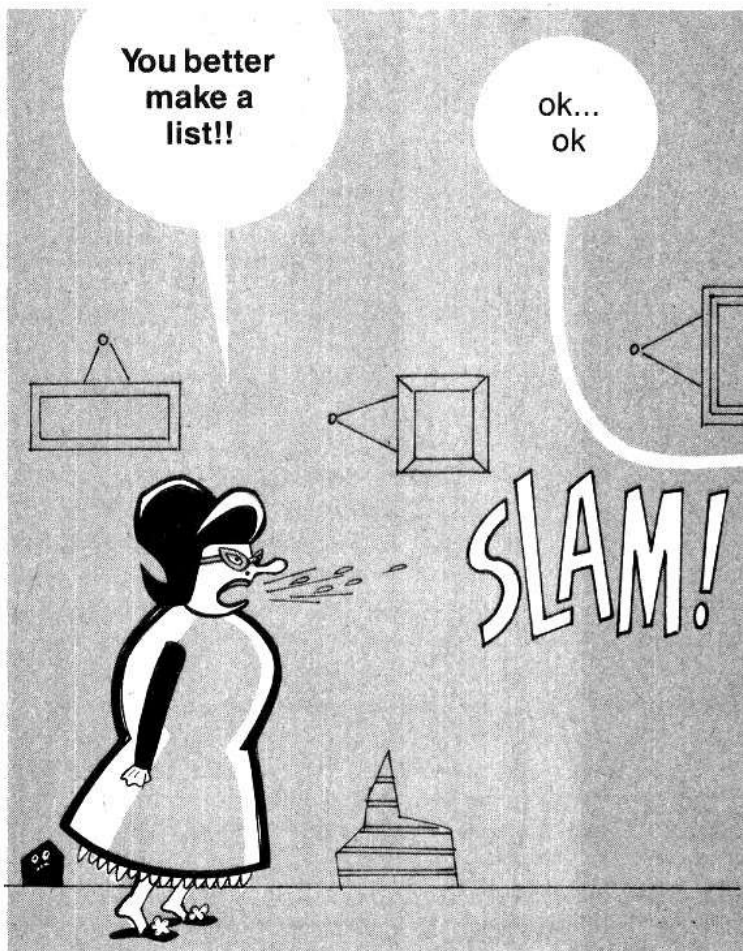
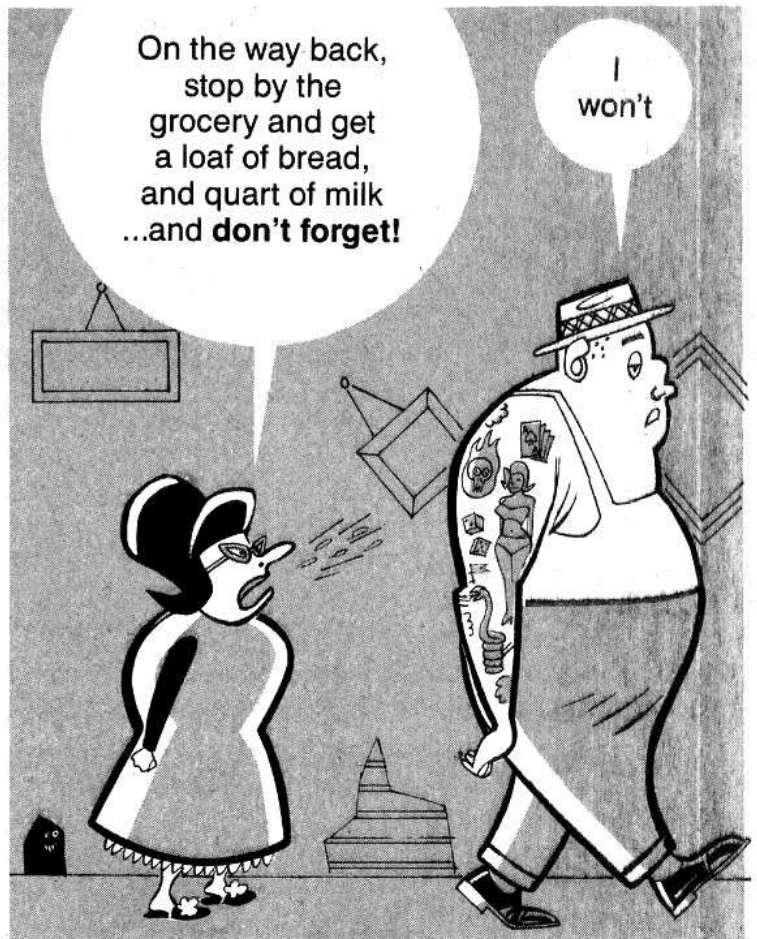
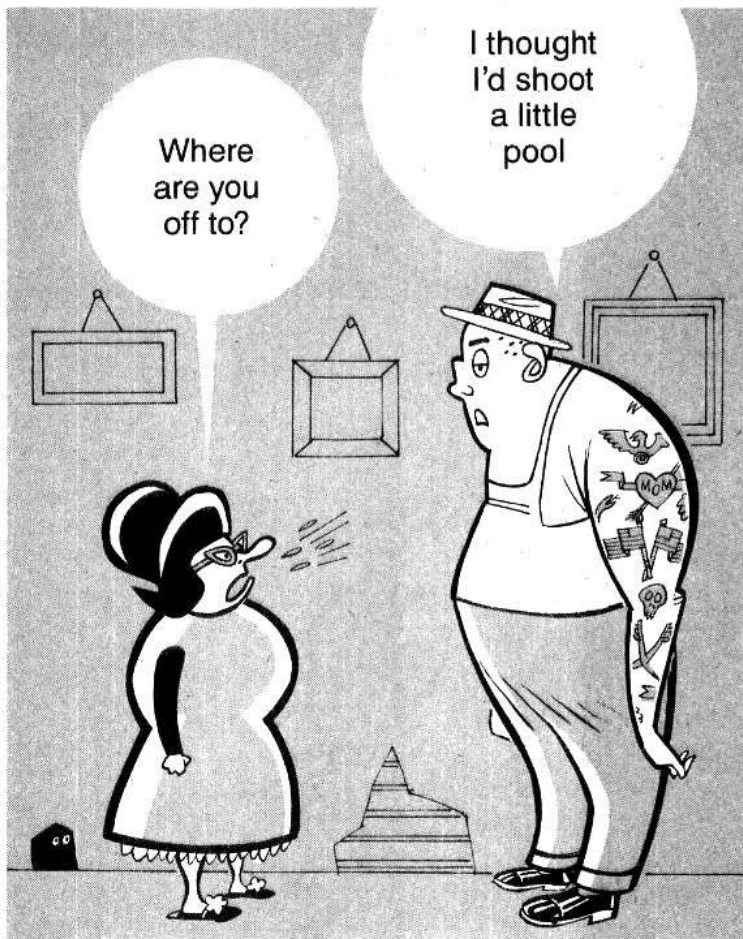
A STEVEN SPLASHBURG PRODUCTION STARRING

DAMP DELUISE DRIP TORN ORSON WELLS WET MIDLER HUMID CRONYN



LAUGHING MATTER

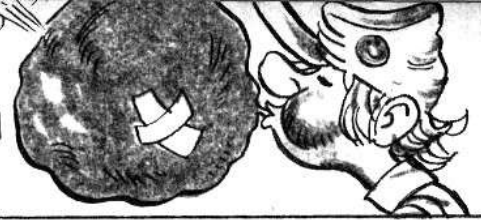
Art by TOM J. BACAS HERK ABNER



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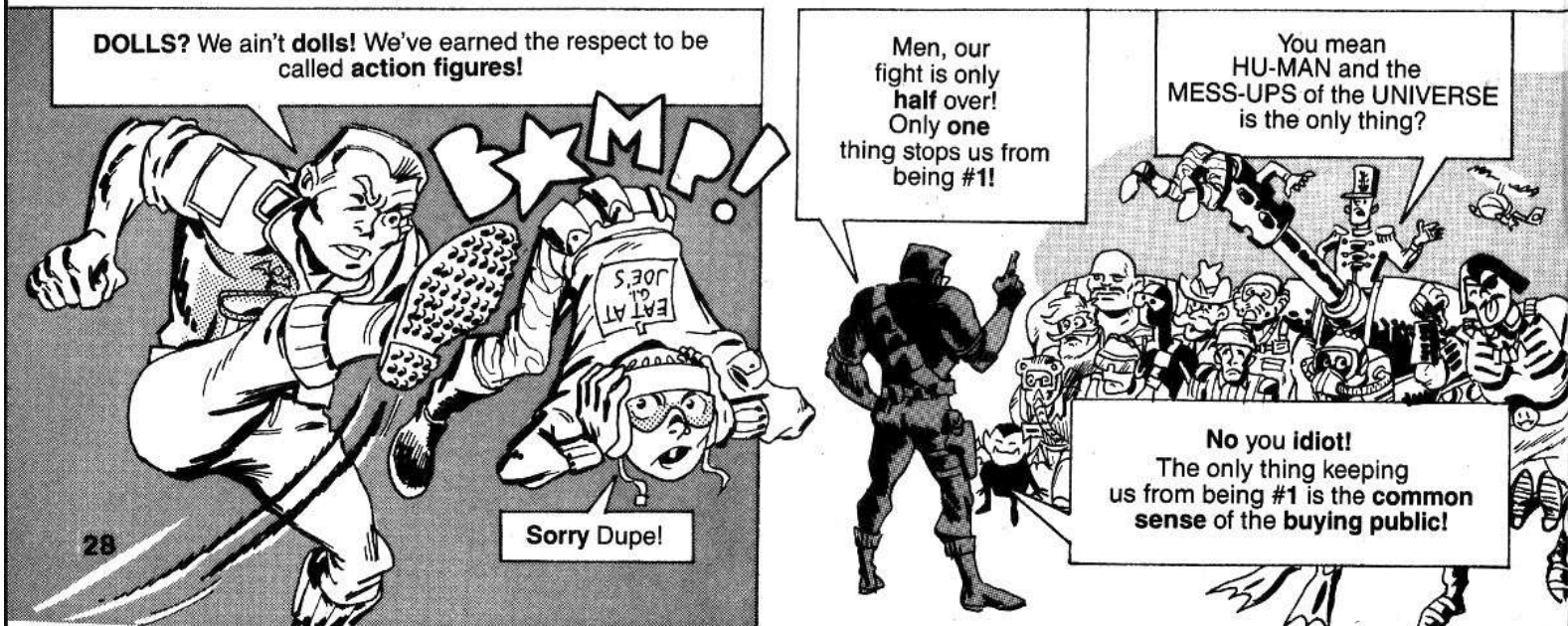
FOLLOW THE
STRING TO SEE
WHOSE BALLOON
IT IS.



THERE'S A WAR A-GOIN' ON! A BLOODLESS YET BLOODTHIRSTY NON-STOP NO HOLDS BARRED SKIRMISH TO END ALL SKIRMISHES! CRACKED BRINGS YOU THE NITTY GRITTY BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOW DOWN ON THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE SAGA WHICH WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE: BATTLE FOR SHELFSPACE '85!

GI JOKE

"A REAL AMERICAN NUT!"



But that's never stopped other stupid toys (present company included) from selling like heck!

True!
The only thing stopping us from being #1 is that fersh-lugginer HU-MAN!

Good thing I had the uncanny foresight to plant a spy in the Mess-Ups' Universe!

Onward fellow G.I. Jokes! Onto Ehernia where Hu-Man and his ilk live!

Eik? Hu-Man has ilk?

Not ilk! Ilk! ILK!

MEANWHILE AT CASTLE GREYSMELL

Prince Adum!
Word's out that G.I. Joke plans to invade Ehernia!

Is that so, Dorko, my magical imp friend?

I must become Hu-Man! I'll raise my magical sword and say the magical sayin'!

THE POWER!
I WANNIT!

I picked up a lightning rod instead of my trusty rusty sword!

AHA! Now I'm Hu-Man!
Lemme at them shrimpy G.I. Jokes! First time they turn their backs—WHAM!! They'll never know what hit 'em!

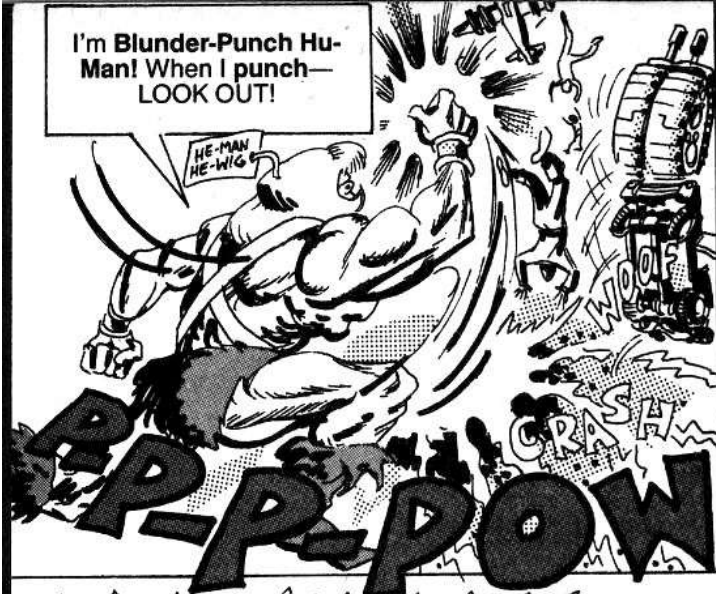
Good thing they don't make 'em as big as they did in the 1960's!

ATTENTION ALL YOU MESS-UPS!
Surrender peacefully and we'll shrink you into new G.I. Joke action figures!

HAHI! You don't know who yer dealin' with!

I'm Blunder-Punch Hu-Man! When I punch—
LOOK OUT!

HE-MAN
HE-WIG



Blunder-Punch
Schmunder-Punch!
It may help battlin' other Mess-Ups,
but we got us some modern weapons!



LIKE ATOMIC BAZOOKAS!!

FIRE!



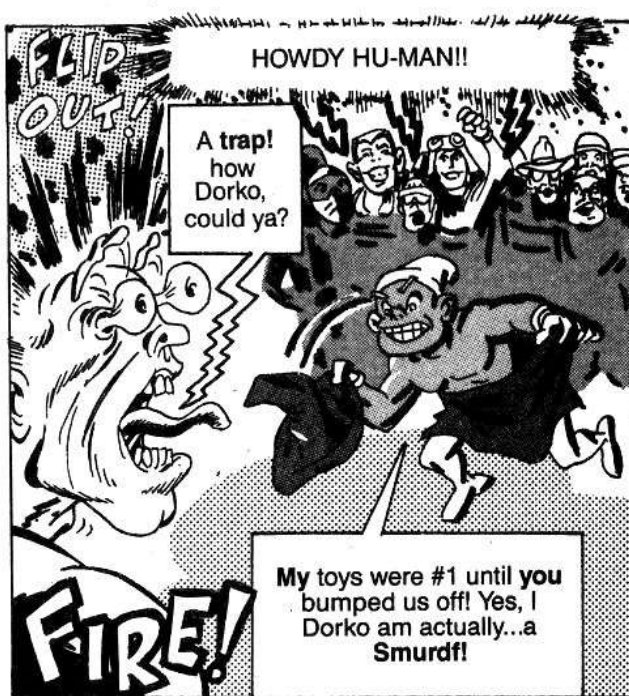
Follow me, Hu-Man! I
know a place to hide!



Faithful Dorko! What
would I do without you,
my trusted magical runt!

HOWDY HU-MAN!!

A trap!
how
Dorko,
could ya?



My toys were #1 until you
bumped us off! Yes, I
Dorko am actually...a
Smurdf!

UGH! The
carnage!

The smell of burnt
plastic is
everywhere!

We gonna fight
Santa, Dupe?

IN HACK

We hadda do it men!
Now we are at the top
of the toy heap!

And boy
does it
stink!

We have one
more stop—the
North Pole!!

No idjit! He's the one what disseminates
us lovable toys to all the undeserving brats!

OK Santa, we made it **easy** for ya regardin' what kinda toys you're givin' out this year!

But you aren't the **only** toys around!

Oh sure, there's still the THUNDERSCATS, STUPOR-POWERS, M.E.S.S.K. and other action figures, but if we can beat Hu-Man, then **nothing** can stop us, sir!

But I've gotten **tons** of letters from kids about what they **really** want and 'tain't you guys!

What? Who could it be? We got ridda alla dolls! Could it be the Sylvester Staloon RUMBO figure? Izzit the SYLVESTER P. SMYTHE action janitor figure mebbe?

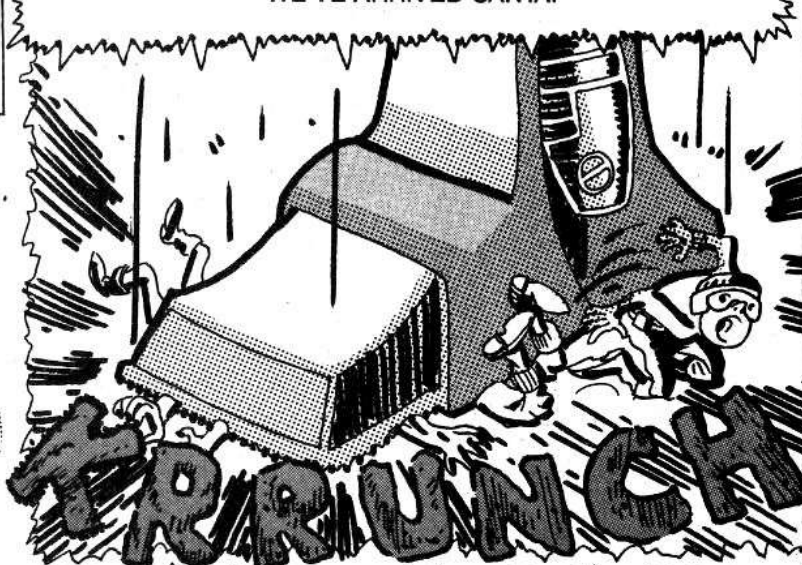


What could it be? What's more fun to get than a pack of bloodthirsty high-tech fightin' killin' dol—er—action figures?

OOPS! Look up there, Dupe!



WE'VE ARRIVED SANTA!



Yup! This is what the kids **really** want! The TRANSFORMERS, BOLTRON, ROBOYECCH, MAX SCHMIEL'S ROBUTTFORCE, etc, etc, etc!

But we all know the TRANSFORMERS are **better** and more **popular** than these bolt buckets!

Sez you, metal mouth!

You all stink! We're number one!



THE END? DON'T COUNT ON IT! WANNA SEE ANOTHER TOY BATTLE WITH BOLTRON vs THE TRANSFORMERS? WRITE TO CRACKED AND TELL US!



DON'T YOU



...buying a watch that is waterproof, shockproof, unbreakable and anti-magnetic, and then lose it?



...throwing a ticking package you received into a pail of water, then discovering afterwards it was an antique clock from your Aunt Martha?



...winning the floral centerpiece at the wedding table, taking it home, then waking up next morning with poison ivy?



...turning around to face the big bully who kicked sand in your face at the beach, and see it was really a girl?



...hitting your first single of the baseball season, then trying to steal and getting picked off first base?



...spending 22 cents to mail a letter from New York to Los Angeles, then spending 95 cents on a phone call to see if it got there?

FEEL STUPID...



...going into an ice cream parlor that has 28 different and exotic flavors, then ordering vanilla?



...running the entire length of the football field for a touchdown and then discovering you haven't got the ball?



...milking a cow for 20 minutes before finding out you were only shaking hands with yourself?



...asking for the first fancy name you see on the menu in an Italian restaurant, and being told you just ordered the proprietor?



...losing 20 dollars betting on a football game on TV, and another 10 dollars on the instant replay?

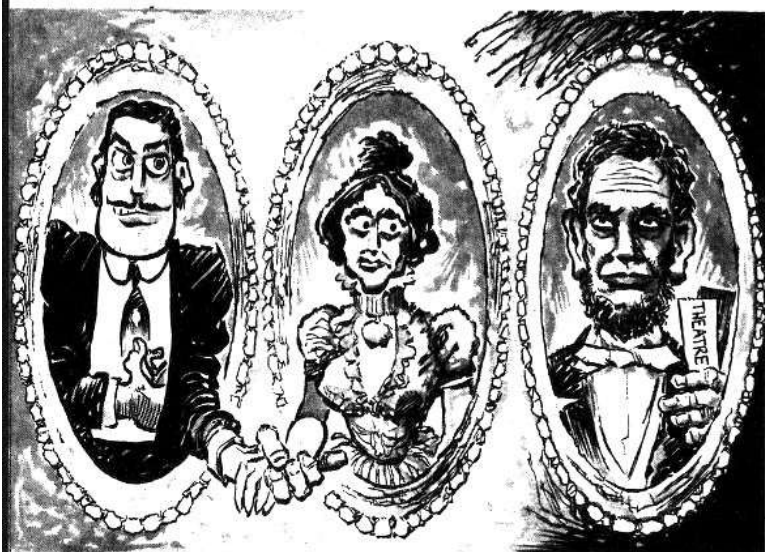


...putting your best foot forward and stepping right into the middle of a wad of doggie-doo?

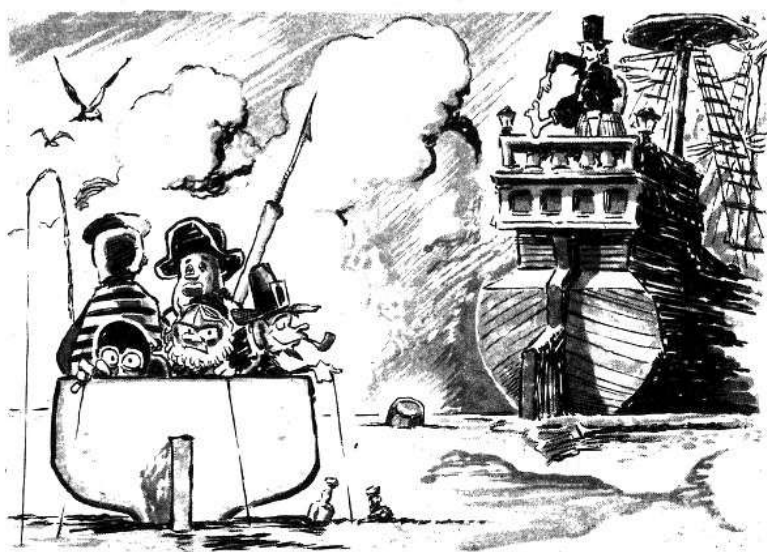
WHAT READERS ARE ASKING:

HOW COME SYLVESTER GETS SO MUCH SPACE IN CRACKED...WHEN SOME OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN HISTORY NEVER GET A MENTION?

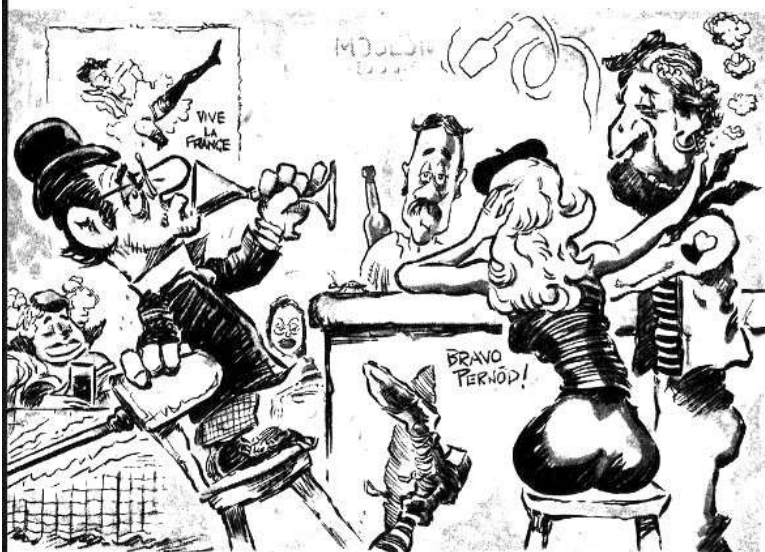
LIKE FERINSTANCE...



MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN...who said to John Wilkes Booth: "We've got to stop meeting like this...my husband suspects!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



CAPTAIN AHAB...who said to his crew members: "All right, who's the wise guy who stole my galosh?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



TOULOUSE-LAUTREC...who said to his bartender: "No matter how much I drink, I can't seem to get high!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



DOCTOR LIVINGSTON...who said to Mr. Stanley: "whattaya mean you presume? Who else would I be, you nitwit!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



ADAM...who said to Eve the very first time he laid eyes on her: "Hey, what is this—some kind of a rib?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



JONAH...who said to his beloved wife: "I got drunk last night and ended up where?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



MARIE ANTOINETTE...who said to her guards at the palace: "Maybe they'd settle for Oreo cookies?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED...who said to his doctor, "That's the last time I'll ever get a transplant in Africa!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



OEDIPUS...who said to his mother: "Whattaya trying to do, Ma, give me a complex?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



THE WOLFMAN...who said to the beautiful girl he was with: "I just know I'm gonna hate myself in the morning" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



THE THREE LITTLE PIGS...who said to the Big Bad Wolf: "Whattaya mean the Frier's Club want us for a roast?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



MICHAELANGELO...who said to Sistine Chapel officials: "Okay, I'll paint the ceilings—but I refuse to do woodwork!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



ANNE BOLEYN...who said to her husband, Henry the Eighth: "OOPS! Now I'll have to cancel my hairdresser appointment!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



MRS. AESOP...who said to her husband Aesop: "Do you really expect me to believe a story like that?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



JOHN THE BAPTIST...who said to his neighbor: "Maybe if I wear a long beard, nobody'll notice?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



CONFUCIUS...who said to his disciples all over the world: "Whattaya mean I said?" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!

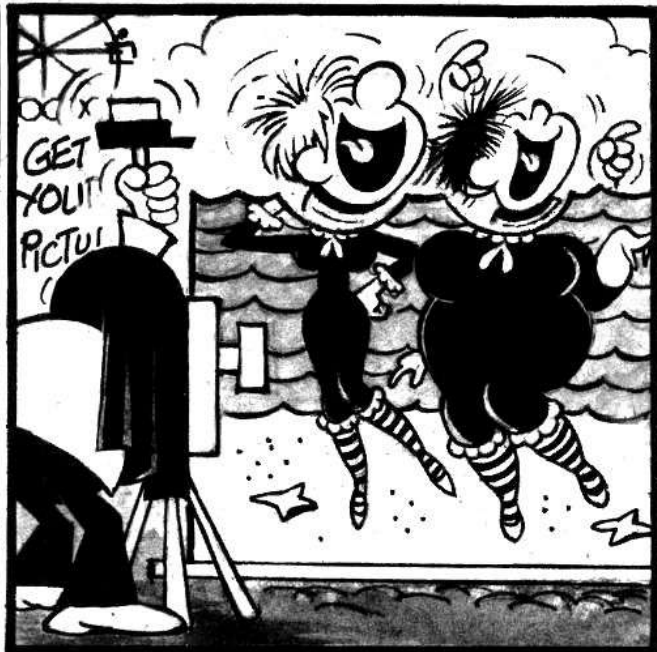
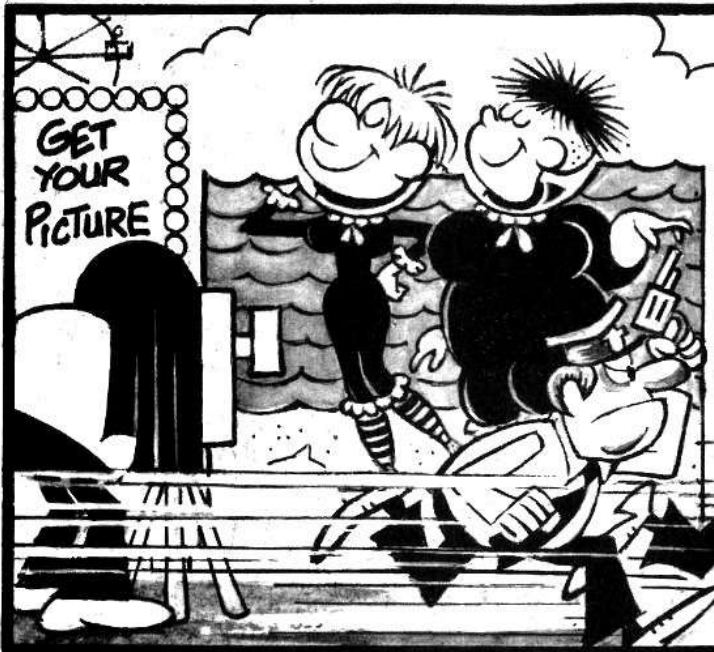


QUASIMODO'S CHIROPRACTOR...who said to Quasimodo: "Gimme an hour and I'll straighten out the whole thing!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!



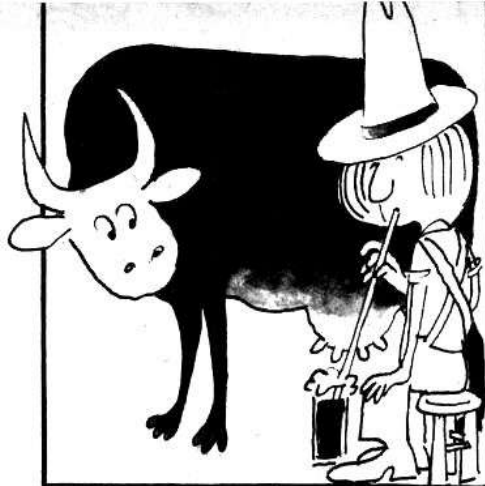
RIP VAN WINKLE...who said to his Answering Service: "I thought I left a wakeup call for 9A.M.!" NEVER GOT A CRACKED MENTION!

FOOD & DINK



MORE CRACKED

IS...



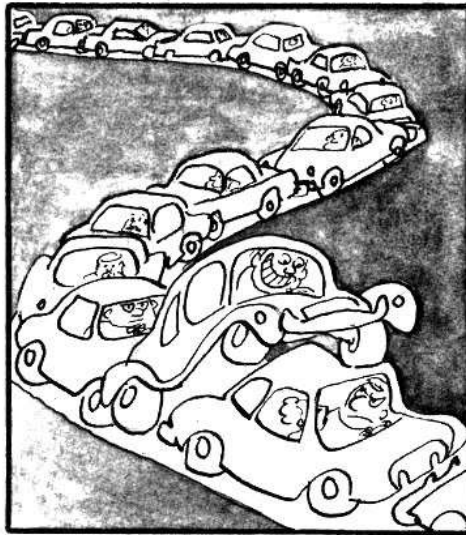
...buying yourself a Black Angus cow in the hope that it will give you chocolate milk!



...placing an electric toaster in your mattress so you can pop out of bed in the morning!



...leaving the spoon in your cup of coffee, then almost blinding yourself trying to drink it!



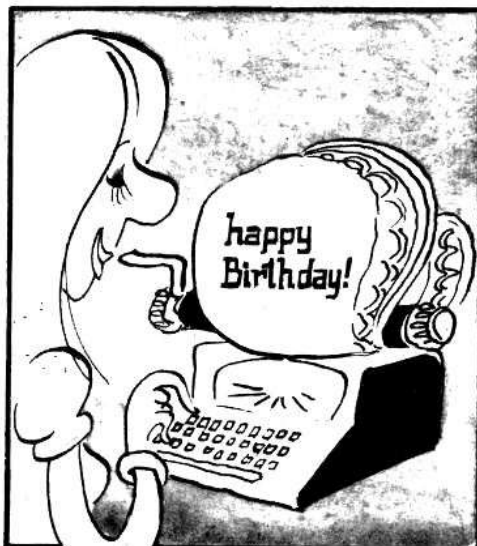
...eyeing thousands of cars bumper-to-bumper on a highway and trying to pull out to pass them!



...jumping up ecstatically after hearing the National Anthem and yelling "One more time!"



...seeing spots before your eyes, then getting glasses so you can see the spots better!



...writing "Happy Birthday" on a cake and spending hours trying to get it in the typewriter!



...putting popcorn in the pancake mix so that they jump up and turn over by themselves!



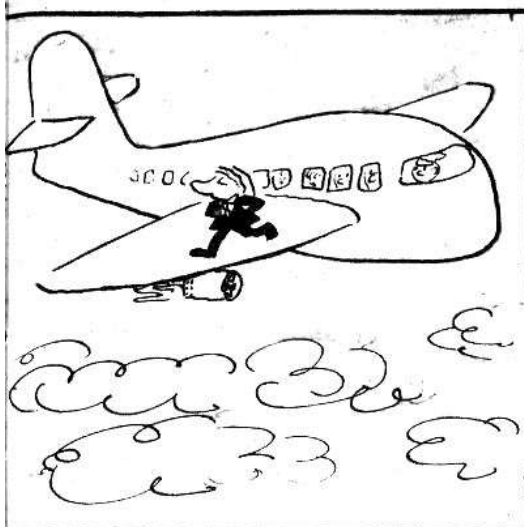
...driving along and seeing a sign "WALK", then getting out of your car to do just that!



...taking up karate and accidentally knocking yourself unconscious one day while saluting!



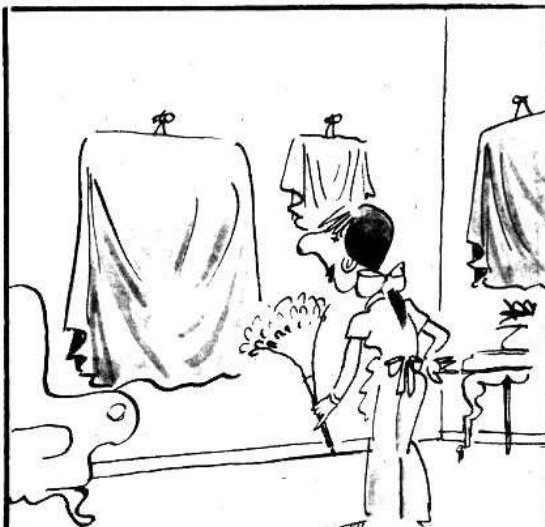
...trying to save on shoelaces by painting your feet black and lacing up all your toes!



...walking out of an airplane in mid-flight because you happen to have seen the movie!



...going over to the United States Surgeon General and asking him for a cigarette!



...keeping a dropcloth over all your living room paintings so that they won't get dusty!



...saving all your money in the mattress and then realizing that you sleep on a water-bed!



...tearing off a girl's mask at a costume party and discovering that you've beheaded her!



...refusing to step in when a bully accosts your sister, as you don't want to get involved!



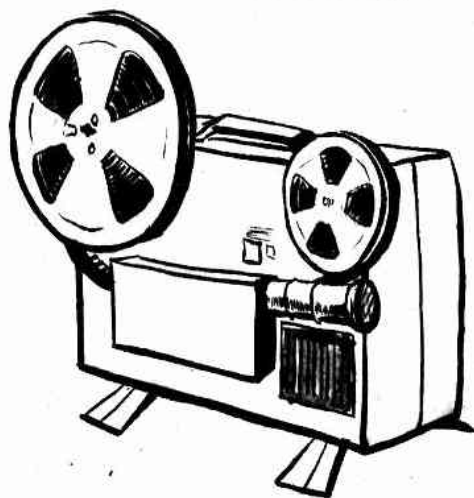
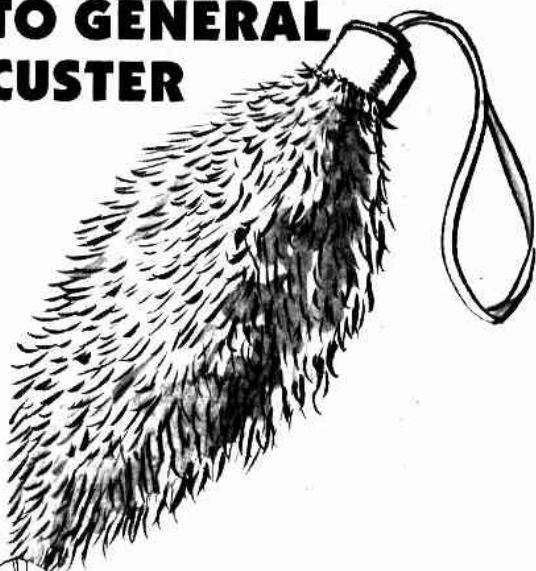
It's understandable that a lot of Christmas gifts sent through the mails get lost because the Post Office is so swamped with packages.

UNRECEIVED THAT COULD HAVE CHANGED

TO GENERAL
CUSTER

TO CLEOPATRA

TO JOHN
DILLINGER



RABBIT'S FOOT

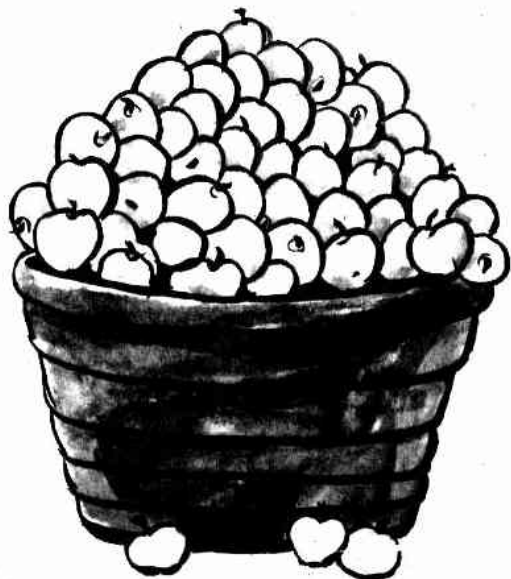
SNAKE SERUM

HOME MOVIE
PROJECTOR

TO ADAM AND EVE

TO LIZZIE
BORDEN'S PARENTS

TO RIP VAN
WINKLE



DIVORCE
PAPERS

ALARM
CLOCK

A BUSHEL OF APPLES



So, like, what if way back in history some gifts got lost? Gifts that really would have changed things. Like ferinstance, these...

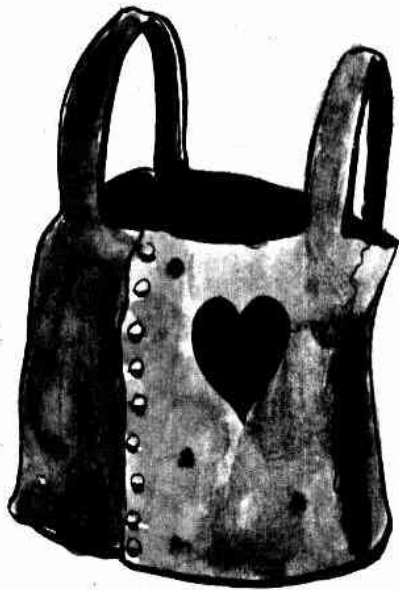


XMAS GIFTS

THE COURSE OF HISTORY

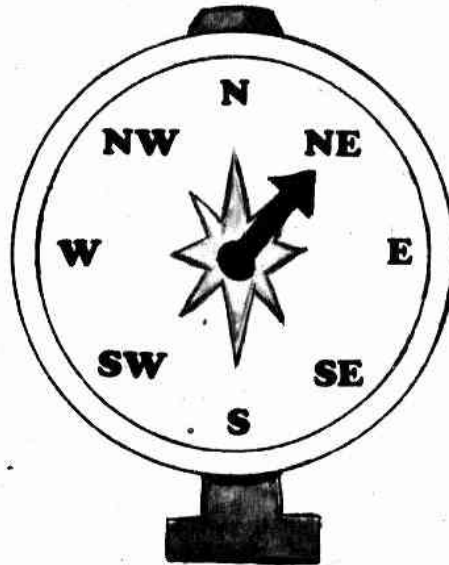


TO JESSIE JAMES



BULLET-PROOF VEST

TO CAPTAIN OF TITANIC



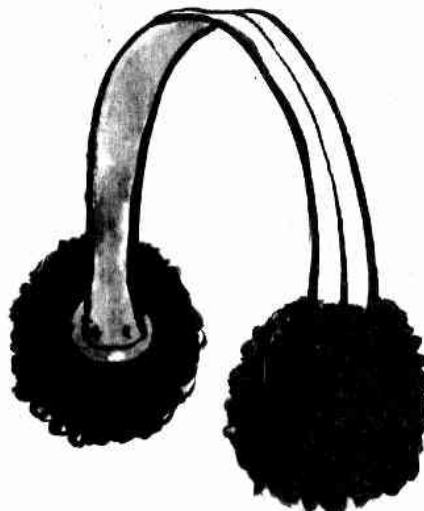
NEW COMPASS

TO MOTHER HUBBARD



DOG BONE

TO VINCENT VAN GOGH



PAIR OF EAR MUFFS

TO SAMSON



NEW HAIRPIECE

TO MRS. O'LEARY



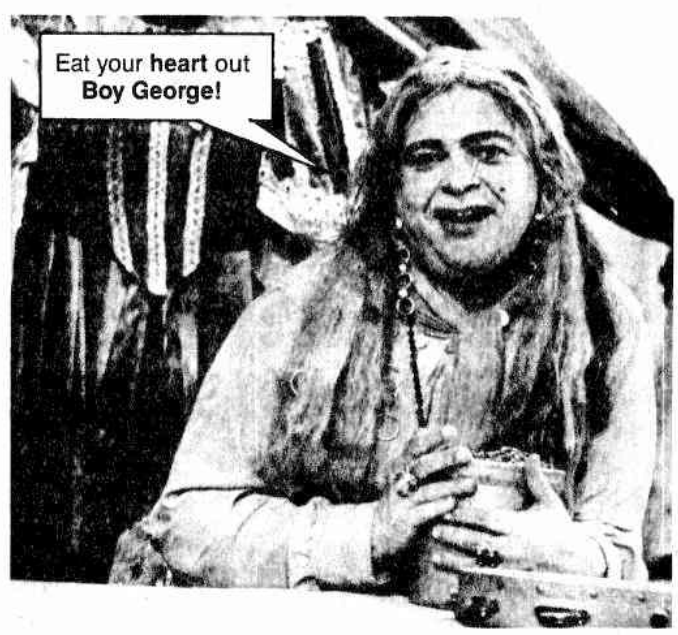
FREE MILK DELIVERY



THE CRACKED LENS

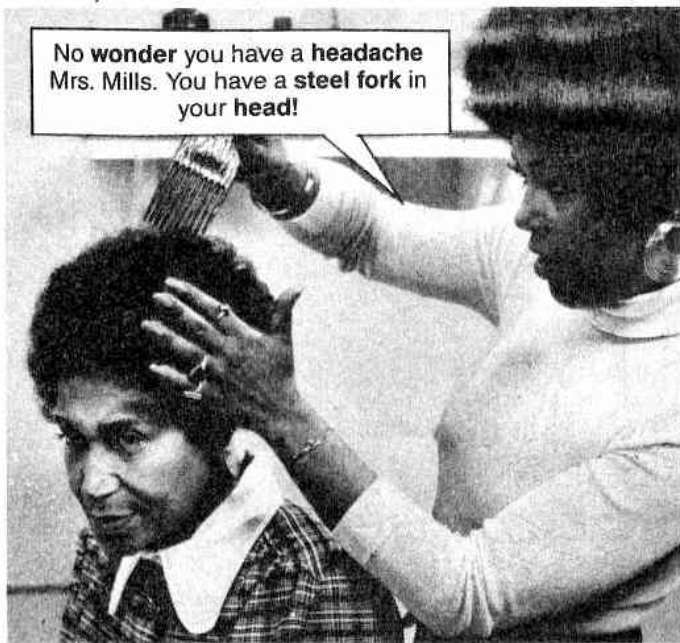
ABSOLUTELY, UNQUESTIONABLY, POSITIVELY,
UNDENIABLY, THE VERY, VERY, LAST OF

(and if we don't mean it, we should be struck deaaa ddd



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HYPNOTIZE
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No wonder you have a headache Mrs. Mills. You have a **steel fork** in your head!



Good news Becky! The locksmith says they found the key and they'll be by to let you out next month!



But I **told** you! I am **not** Julio Iglesias and I've never even **met** your wife!



Gee Boss, those **are** the clothes you asked for!

I said Calvin Klein... not Calvin **Crown**!



Hey Buddy, you wouldn't have any **Kibbles 'n' Bits** on ya, would ya?



SYLVESTER'S CORNER

—THE PAINTING—



ANNOUNCING CRACKED'S GIANT NEW
CHRISTMAS
JOKE CONTEST

SPREAD THE CHRISTMAS CHEER AND WIN A TO HOLIDAY PRIZE

**JUST SEND US YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS JOKE...
LIKE THE ONES WE HAVE ON THIS PAGE. THAT'S
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO WIN YOUR FABULOUS PRIZE!**

**What's red and white and
black all over?
Santa coming down
a chimney!**

What do you give a zookeeper for the holidays?
A Christmas seal!

**What did the punk rock star find in his stocking Christmas eve?
A summons from the Board of Health!**



How do you make a Yuletide Sunday? You start preparing it Friday and Saturdae!

Why is Santa so jolly?
You'd be jolly too if you only had to work one day a year!

**What's the most popular Christmas message?
Batteries not included!**

Send in as many examples of CHRISTMAS JOKES as you can think of and mail them before January 30, 1986 to:

CRACKED XMAS CONTEST
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Hi, there, this is Nancy Dickering for CRACKED Magazine. Today I'm interviewing a **living legend**...a man whose annual visit brings joy to billions...the one, the only...**Santa Claus!**

Ho-ho-ho...and all that rot! Let's get on with it, Nancy, my sleigh is **double-parked!**

It's amazing how a man like you can drag along such a **big fat bag** wherever he goes!

Keep my **wife** out of this, you hear?

You know...I still can't believe you're actually here! I mean...are you **really** Santa Claus?

Who else would wear a **red suit** in December?



Tell me, Santa... exactly how **old** are you?

I can't tell exactly... but my **Social Security number** is 3!

Do you still live at the North Pole?

Of **course!** Where **else** could you find rent that cheap?... Besides, who could **sell** a house up there?





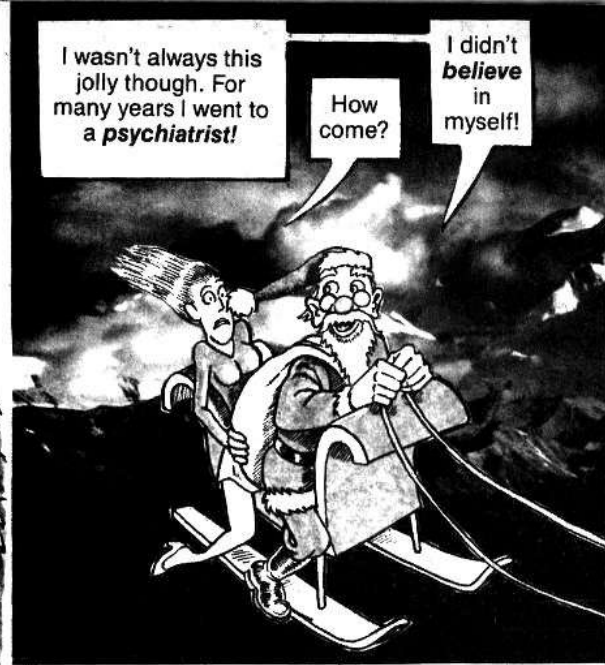
Santa, how come you're always so **jolly**?

You'd be jolly too if you could make a living working only **one day a year**! Ho-ho-ho!



Where'd you get that **infectious laugh**?

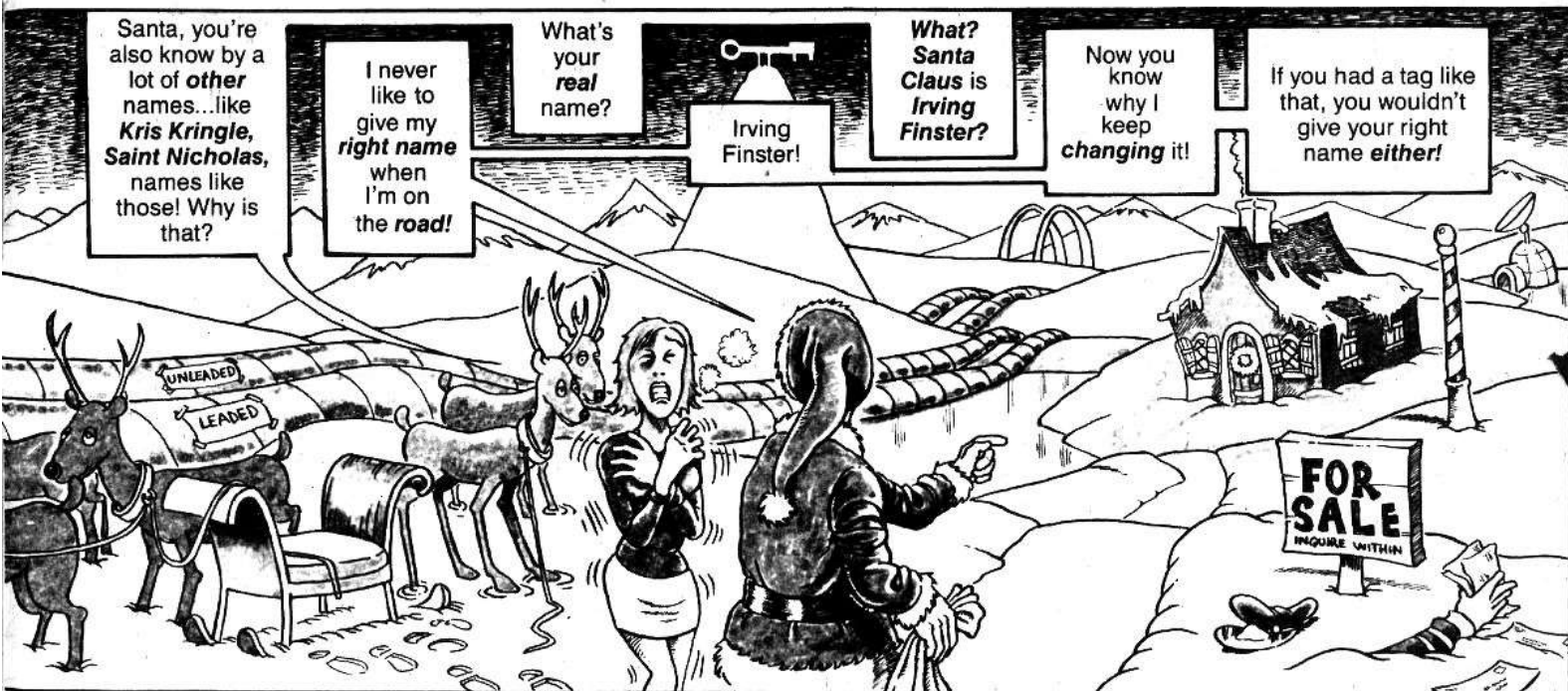
Probably picked it up in a **bar in Jersey**! You catch **everything** there!



I wasn't always this jolly though. For many years I went to a **psychiatrist**!

How come?

I didn't **believe** in myself!



Santa, you're also known by a lot of **other** names...like **Kris Kringle, Saint Nicholas**, names like those! Why is that?

I never like to give my **right name** when I'm on the **road**!

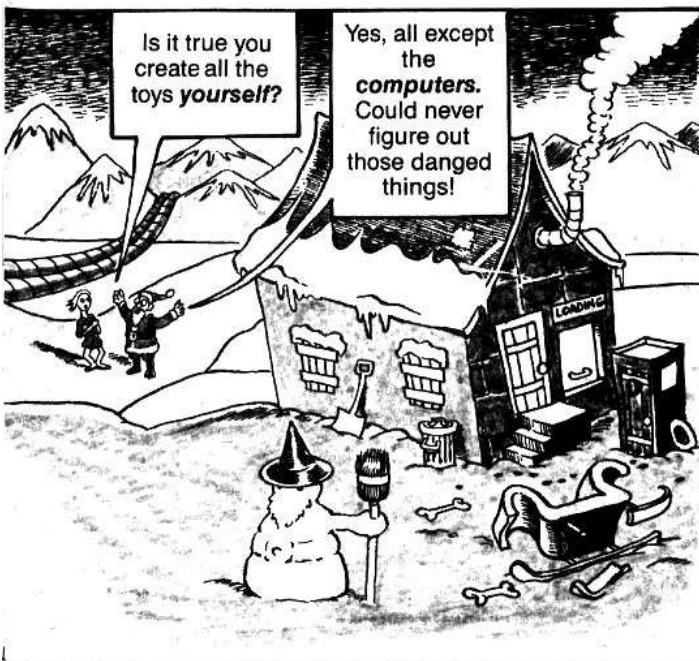
What's your **real** name?

Irving Finster!

What? **Santa Claus** is **Irving Finster**?

Now you know why I keep **changing** it!

If you had a tag like that, you wouldn't give your right name **either**!



Is it true you create all the toys **yourself**?

Yes, all except the **computers**. Could never figure out those danged things!



So **that's** why you hire all those helpers! But why **elves**?

They're **small**...they don't take up much **room**!

What do they do in the **summer** time?

They **sweat** a lot!



You mentioned you **wife** before. I take it there **is** a Mrs. Claus!

There **is**...and you can **take it**!

Does she **mind** you being away every Christmas?

No...as long as I'm home every night for **supper**!

I must ask you...how do you fly over **rooftops** so quickly?

I accidentally back into the **reindeer's antlers** getting into the sleigh! **Oooohhh**, they hurt!

I'm **only** kidding...I love my wife. Last Christmas I got a **mink coat** for her. Best **trade** I ever made!

Santa's Helper

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Tell me...what do you think of all those **department store Santa Clauses**?

There's just **too many**! One store had **two Santas**...one of them headed an **Express Lane** for kids who asked for **five gifts or less**!

It's gotten so crowded you can't get a **job** there anymore. One guy applied as a department store Santa and they told him to come back **after Christmas**!



What's your **pet peeve** about Christmas?

That it always comes when the stores are so **crowded**!



Any other **peeves** about the holiday season?

Yes...the **noise** on Christmas eve with all those radios and TVs blaring away playing "**Silent Night**"...it's **ridiculous**!



Santa...how do you feel about the people who say Christmas should be celebrated **every** day of the year, not just December 25th?

Are you **kidding**? Let **them** ride a sleigh 365 times a year!

A lot of **rock stars** and **hippie-types** are hanging up their stockings this year! What are they going to **find** in those stockings on Christmas morning?

What do you **yourself** want for Christmas?

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A summons from the **Board of Health**!

My **two front teeth**! Had them **knocked out** last year in Central Park!

I'm only **kidding**... there **is** something I want for Christmas that not even **I** could come up with!

What's that?

A ticket to a **Bruce Springsteen** concert!

Just one last question, Santa...how much do you **weigh**?

About **300** in my stocking feet!

Now, that's just my **stocking feet**. The **rest** of me weighs about **500 pounds**!

This is Nancy Dickering signing off for **CRACKED Magazine**!

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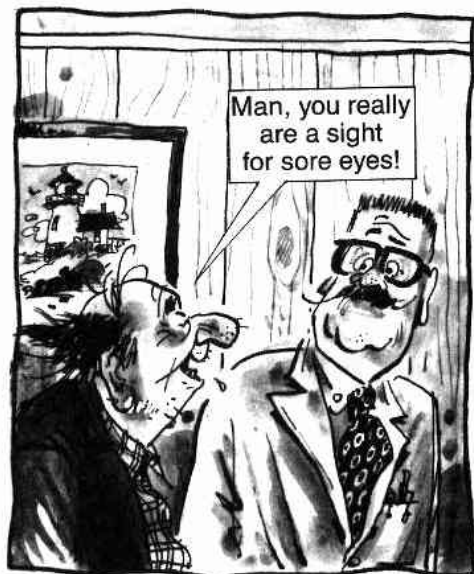
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But, Mommy, I don't want to visit Grandma!



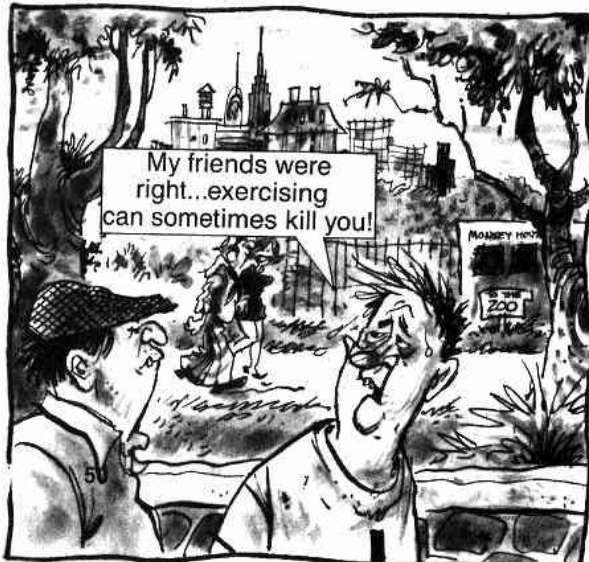
SHUT UP and dig!



Man, you really are a sight for sore eyes!



SHUT UP and read the chart!



My friends were right...exercising can sometimes kill you!



SHUT UP and hand over your money!

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